

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 05-93-117 the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted the *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*; and

WHEREAS, the *Master Plan* and all subsequent planning and implementation efforts by the Tribe's Heritage Program seek to assert White Mountain Apache control over and responsibility for all places and objects significant in White Mountain Apache and Fort Apache Indian Reservation culture and history; and

WHEREAS, White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Resolution 01-97-062 further established the Fort Apache Historical Park to include the Fort Apache National Register Historic District, the Fort Apache Cemetery, the Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark, and Geronimo's Cave, subjecting these outlying properties to the management and technical supervision of the Tribe's Heritage Program; and

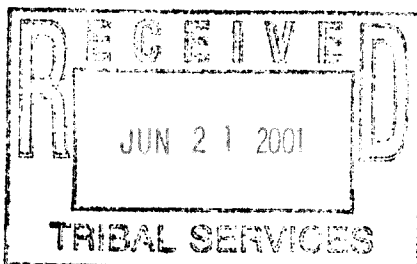
WHEREAS, Geronimo's Cave was once used as an ancestral Pueblo and Apache ceremonial and storage cave and continues to be subject to inappropriate contemporary use, including destructive and disrespectful vandalism and visitation; and

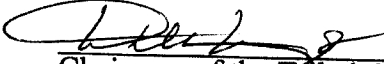
WHEREAS, White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office has developed preliminary plans and has obtained funding for the installation of a heavy-duty security gate to restrict access to Geronimo's Cave.

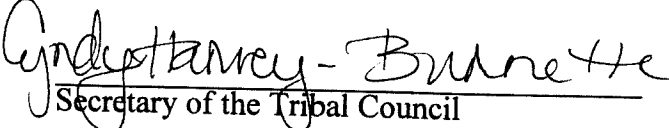
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses the Heritage Program's initiative to install a security gate at the primary entrance to Geronimo's Cave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Ramon Riley, Tribal Cultural Resources Director, and John R. Welch, Tribal THPO, are authorized to supervise the gate installation and in consultation with the Cultural Advisory Board to develop a policy for the provision of access to and use of Geronimo's Cave.

The foregoing resolution was on June 7, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council