

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

- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has heretofore provided consistent support for the establishment and development of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO); and
- WHEREAS**, among the community-oriented goals of the THPO is to enhance and expand tribal member educational and employment opportunities in the history, archeology, architecture, museum studies, cultural resource management, language conservation, and related fields; and
- WHEREAS**, the THPO is experiencing an increasingly urgent demand for tribal members trained in these fields; and
- WHEREAS**, the University of Arizona maintains a summer archaeological field school program—formerly operated at Grasshopper and currently operated at Pinedale—that offers experiential training in field surveys and excavations as well as laboratory analyses and relationship-building with American Indian communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the current field school, directed by Associate Professor Barbara J. Mills, has established itself as a leader in forging constructive and sensitive partnerships with Native American tribes and tribal preservation offices; and
- WHEREAS**, the National Science Foundation maintains a special grants program to support Research Opportunities for Undergraduates (REUs); and
- WHEREAS**, preliminary discussions between the THPO and the University of Arizona highlight the prospects for success through a collaborative submittal of a National Science Foundation REU proposal to support the participation of undergraduates in the University's summer archaeological field School at Pinedale; and
- WHEREAS**, in addition to providing tribal member training in the previously listed fields, the field school crews would be available to assist the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the documentation and assessment of vandalism and other forms of damage to heritage sites, in the inventory of areas of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation likely to be developed for residential use, and in the enhancement and implementation of interpretive and visitor use plans for the Fort Apache Historic Park and the Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark; and
- WHEREAS**, the University has agreed in principle to participation in a memorandum of agreement having, at a minimum, the following elements:

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1. Tribal member preference in participation in the field school; and
2. No expectation of research-focused excavations on tribal lands; and
3. Exclusive ownership and control by the White Mountain Apache Tribe of all information and materials collected from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
4. Ongoing consultation with the Tribe regarding field school policies and procedures having the potential to affect White Mountain Apache heritage resources located both on the off tribal lands; and
5. Sharing the administrative funds awarded to successful grant applicants.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses the Heritage Program initiative to secure National Science Foundation REU grant support focused on the involvement of tribal member undergraduates in the University of Arizona summer field school.

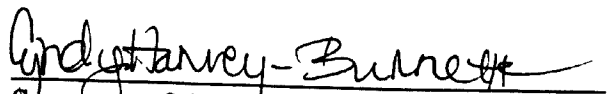
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that John R. Welch, Tribal THPO is authorized to assist in the preparation of the REU proposal and the field school curriculum, and in collaboration with the Tribal Attorney, to draft a memorandum of agreement with the University that will maximize benefits to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and otherwise protect tribal interests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the THPO is to comply fully with all applicable tribal, federal, and state regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements relating to the application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents, including any contracts, needed to carry out the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on June 7, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against and ONE abstention 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