

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

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is gaining two congressional districts, due to population growth within the State, and for that reason, the congressional district boundaries are being redrawn; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is within the Sixth Congressional District, and represented by the Honorable J.D. Hayworth; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the areas of northern and eastern Arizona will be incorporated into a new district, composed primarily of rural areas and Native American lands; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, through its elected Council, expects to see that the new district will fully comport with federal election law standards and will effectively represent the rural, and particularly Native American interests in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council expects that the new districts will unify rather than divide Native American interests, as district boundaries have done in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the preliminary proposals for the new congressional districts in northern and eastern Arizona will divide the Tribe's lands into two separate voting districts, and similarly sever the lands of other Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, these proposed boundaries would perpetuate division among and within Indian tribes and seriously compromise the White Mountain Apache Tribe's ability to secure necessary federal representation and support for its Tribal members and governmental programs; and

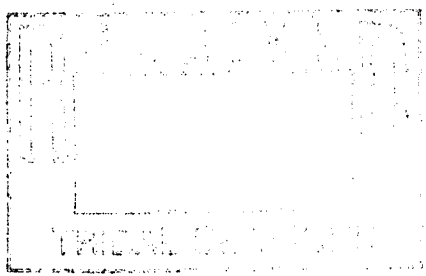
WHEREAS, the many decades of underfunded and inadequate federal programs for tribal communities should be addressed through more responsive congressional districts which respect and are responsive to the geographic integrity of tribal governments.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the development of congressional districts in Arizona which will represent the character and needs of Arizona's rural areas, and in particular, the

needs of the Indian tribes in eastern and northern Arizona, so that tribal concerns and voting power are unified rather than fragmented, for the purpose of assuring better representation and effective legislation in congressional matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that for the reasons set forth above, it hereby opposes in the strongest terms the creation of congressional boundaries which would divide or sever any portion of the lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, for that reason, the preliminary congressional district boundaries be modified to respect and uphold the geographic integrity of tribal governments.

The foregoing resolution was on June 12, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (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).



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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council