

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

- WHEREAS**, with the consistent support and encouragement of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and in full accord with the 1993 *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*, and, the White Mountain Apache Heritage Program has made consistent progress toward the establishment of the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a recognized leader in the fields of community based cultural conservation, historic preservation, and tourism-oriented economic development; and
- WHEREAS**, the Heritage Program exists, in part, to preserve and encourage the revitalized use of Ndee history and culture; and
- WHEREAS**, Ndee elders and cultural specialists are widely recognized as the irreplaceable and dwindling sources of knowledge and wisdom relating to Ndee culture and history; and
- WHEREAS**, among the challenges to the maintenance of the distinctive cultural and linguistic identity of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are the obstacles to intergenerational communications, particularly the transfer of information and perspectives from Ndee elders and cultural specialists to Ndee youth; and
- WHEREAS**, extensive discussions among Heritage Program personnel and collaborators have recognized the substantial prospective benefits to be derived from encouraging Ndee youth to investigate their clan and family history through the documentation of family lineages and associated oral traditions; and
- WHEREAS**, there will never be a better time than now to encourage communications among Ndee generations and to help reverse the erosion of Ndee knowledge concerning Ndee oral traditions, culture, and history; and
- WHEREAS**, the US National Park Service (NPS), Branch of Heritage Preservation Services administers the Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes Program to support tribal efforts to document, preserve, perpetuate, and interpret tribal traditions, cultures, and histories; and
- WHEREAS**, the Heritage Program Cultural Advisory Board, consisting of Ndee elders and cultural specialists considered these matters at the meeting held on December 13, 2001 and enthusiastically supported the proposal put forth below.

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 NPS *Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program* funding in support of sponsorship for the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest* a special, Reservation-wide genealogy competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest* shall have the following goals, guiding principles, and rules: (1) to foster, encourage, and reward intergenerational, as well as intra-generational communications and collaborations concerning family and tribal history; (2) to minimize impacts to and distractions within the Tribal Vital Records department and Heritage Program; (3) to integrate the contest into the curriculum of the Apache Language and Culture Programs within the Whiteriver Unified School District, and such other Reservation Schools that wish to participate; (4) to reward as the winner of the contest that household (defined as any co-resident group of blood-related tribal members containing at least three generations) successful in documenting the family tree with the greatest depth (number of generations extending back in time) breadth (number of related individuals), and associated oral traditions, stories, clan names, photographs, chronologies, Tag Band identifications, brands, locations of group and individual origins and residence, place names, and related materials and information; (5) to establish as the grand prize of the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest* an all-expense-paid vacation to Disney World for up to eight members of the winning household.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the authority over the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest* shall be vested in a fair and impartial panel of five contest judges having jurisdiction over the contest proceedings and results and consisting of the head of the following Tribal offices, or their designee: (1) Vital Records, (2) Historic Preservation, (3) Education, and (4) Social Services, with the final panelist to be elected by these four judges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Dr. John R. Welch, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, as the Tribe's agent to assist the Chairman in conducting all negotiations and in executing and submitting all documents, including application materials, billing statements, progress reports, etc., as required for the completion of the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest* project.

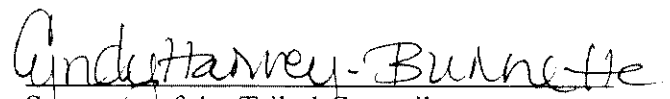
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby commends Dr. Kim Randall and Ms. Kathleen Norton for their support for the *Great Ndee Genealogy Contest*, including their willingness to install genealogical software on District computer systems and make available historical census data through District libraries for use by the Apache Language and Culture Program staff and contestants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all contest entries shall become the property of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and shall be curated in perpetuity by the Heritage Program for use in the eventual assemblage of a master genealogy for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that tribal ownership and curation of contest entries shall not exclude the contestants and their heirs from making appropriate use of their entries.

The foregoing resolution was on December 19, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (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