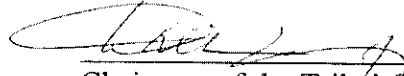


**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** Tribal member Lydia Sedillo, a member of the Tribal Prosecution Unit has come before the Council with a written statement alleging repeated due process violations involving criminal defendants; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Sedillo has described for the Council her concern with the administration of criminal justice and has also alleged unethical conduct by the Chief Judge, the Court, and the Acting Tribal Prosecutor; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Sedillo has also relayed concerns about the personnel management of the Acting Tribal Prosecutor; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Sedillo has described for the Council her involvement in an Order to Show Cause hearing held by the court following her involvement in efforts to release a defendant from jail and remedy concerns for due process violations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is concerned with these reports and expects and requires that due process standards and Tribal law and procedure be strictly adhered to in the administration of the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council takes the following actions to investigate and maintain the integrity of the criminal justice system on behalf of the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs an investigation through the Tribal Legal Department, with the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, into allegations of due process violations and improper sentencing and convictions of defendants in the Tribal criminal justice system.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Legal Department an immediate investigation into allegations of improper management methods within the Prosecution Unit, and specifically as they pertain to the Deputy/Acting Prosecutor, and for that reason it hereby places the Deputy/Acting Prosecutor on paid leave pending the outcome of the investigation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Attorney, with the assistance as appropriate, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency Superintendent, to undertake the investigations and provide reports to the Council when available.

**Resolution No. 03-2002-56**

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against and TWO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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