

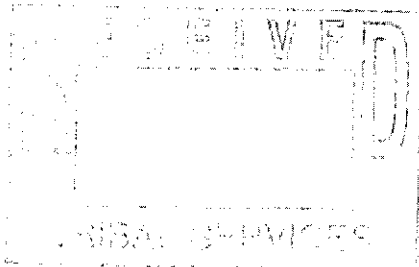
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** injury is a serious health problem among American Indians/Alaska Natives both on a national and on a local level; and
- WHEREAS,** motor vehicle related injury is a leading injury type both nationally and among WMAT members; and
- WHEREAS,** a number of WMAT Tribal Council members have acknowledged the severity of motor vehicle related injury, have expressed concern about the impact of motor vehicle related injury among the WMAT members, and have expressed concern about the contribution of alcohol impaired driving to motor vehicle crashes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Police Department has similar concerns about the local problem of motor vehicle crashes and related injury among the WMAT members, about the prevention of crashes and injury, and about the contribution of alcohol impaired driving to motor vehicle crashes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Police Department, due to low staffing levels, has been unable to devote full-time resources to traffic safety concerns; and
- WHEREAS,** there are a number of intervention strategies that have been proven on a national level to be effective in preventing motor vehicle crashes, in reducing the extent of alcohol impaired driving, and in reducing the severity of injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced a notice of availability of funds for "Effective Strategies to Reduce Motor Vehicle Injuries among American Indians/Alaska Natives" for American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes or Tribal organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribes and Tribal organizations that successfully receive this funding to establish community based interventions designed to prevent motor vehicle related injuries can receive an estimated \$62,000 per year for up to 4 years (or an estimated total of \$248,000 for the entire 4-year period); and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Police Department is interested in applying for this funding for the purposes of establishing a full-time traffic safety program that will focus more attention and effort on various traffic safety issues, including sobriety checkpoints to reduce alcohol impaired driving, and checkpoints and other efforts designed to enforce existing safety belt and child occupant restraint laws; and

WHEREAS, if the Whiteriver Police Department does receive this funding and demonstrates success with the traffic safety program, the results of the program will be shared, in adherence with the Privacy Act, within the WMAT, with the CDC, and with other Tribes or Tribal organizations in order to communicate the successful strategies that may be of use to other Tribes or Tribal organizations in addressing motor vehicle related injury prevention.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Whiteriver Police Department to submit a request for grant funding from the CDC for the purpose of establishing a full-time traffic safety program for the 4-year grant period.

The foregoing resolution was on September 9, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (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