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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that several applicants for enrollment with the White Mountain Apache Tribe have not been approved because they barely miss the required blood quantum for enrollment; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned that the number of enrolled tribal members may diminish in the future if the blood quantum criteria contained in the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution is not critically analyzed and given to the general population of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for reconsideration; and
- WHEREAS, Council Member Mariddie Craig has identified her interest in identifying and documenting all persons within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation who have tried to enroll in the Tribe but have been denied enrollment based on a failure to meet the blood quantum requirements by a small fraction of degree of blood; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that compiling a list of such persons would be beneficial to the Tribe if and when it revises its blood quantum criteria.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Council Member Mariddie Craig to assist the White Mountain Apache Tribe Vital Records Office in identifying persons within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation who have been denied enrollment with the Tribe because they have failed to show they are at least one-half Indian but can show they are at least one-fourth degree White Mountain Apache blood.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the list collected identifying the individuals identified above shall be kept confidential and shall always be kept in the sole custody of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Vital Records office.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>SEPTEMBER 8, 2004</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).

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