



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

(Directing the Investigation of the Tribe's Elderly Services Program and the Reinstatement of Clara Ruth Albert-Tulene to her position of Advocate/Ombudsman)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Clara Ruth Albert-Tulene did hereby present the issue of her termination from the position of Advocate/Ombudsman with the Tribe's Elderly Services Program, as well as her concerns over the operation of the program; and

WHEREAS, the notice of termination falsely notes a decrease in federal funds as the basis for the termination; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert-Tulene did allege certain acts of mismanagement and abuse of elders; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the termination of Ms. Albert-Tulene and her allegations of great concern; and

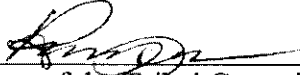
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finally finds that an audit of the program is appropriate.

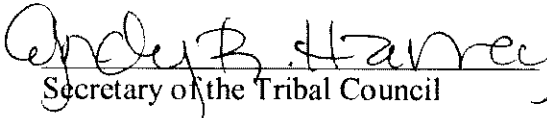
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The Elderly Services Program is hereby directed to reinstate Ms. Clara Ruth Albert-Tulene to the position of Advocate/Ombudsman with back pay to the date of her termination.
2. The Controller, together with the Tribe's auditors, REDW, and the Director of the Tribe's Personnel Office, are hereby directed to investigate the financial management of the program and the operation of the program, including the treatment of the elders who receive its services, and to make a recommendation to the Tribal Council within ninety days.
3. Clementine Potter and Delta Kindelay are hereby directed to make a report to the Tribal Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting as to the operation and financial management of the program.

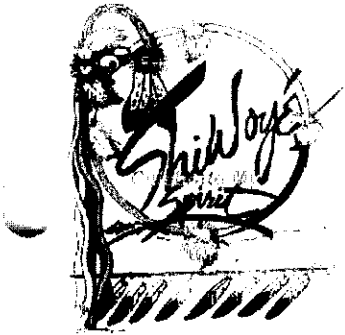
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on July 13, 2006, 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 the 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


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June 29, 2006

To: C. Ruth Albert-Tulene, Advocate/Ombudsman
From: Clementine K. Thomas, Program Director *C. Thomas*
Re: Termination of Appointment

The Elderly Services Program had a 29% decrease in funding, both in State Title XX and Older Americans Act Title III Funding. This decrease has caused me the Program Director, to take the necessary accounting measures to keep our Program Function. This decision was made so the Services to Our Elders would not be affected. Your appointment will terminate on June 30, 2006 ending the Title XX and Title III Fiscal Year 06.

The Federal decrease has affected other Tribal Senior Programs and on the National level as well, they too have had to make the necessary changes to continue the Services they are providing to their Elders.

If you have any questions, contact me at the Elderly Services Program Office.

cc: Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman
Margaret Baha-Walker, Vice-Chairwoman
Tribal Councils
Ericka Gloshey, Grants & Contracts
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