

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

- WHEREAS, old Fort Apache is nationally known and important in the traditions and history of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, State of Arizona, and the United States, and
- WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been received by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding neglect to these historical buildings and the Military Cemetery, and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire and wish of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to seek aid to restore certain historical buildings and create a museum at the site of the old Fort Apache.
- WHEREAS, unless the buildings are restored they will be lost to posterity and can become dangerous to persons visiting same.
- WHEREAS, it is the only historical landmark of its type in the entire State of Arizona portraying the last Indian military fort in the State and United States Calvary was stationed to maintain peace with the Apaches, and
- WHEREAS, television shows, publications and movies have exemplified Fort Apache as the last frontier outpost and thereby create extreme new interest in restoring the fort, and
- WHEREAS, keen interest in its restoration has been shown by the Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, Senator Carl Hayden, ExSenator, Barry Goldwater, Congressman, George F. Senner, Jr., Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Philleo Nash, Dr. Karl Menninger, the Arizona Historical Society and many other notables.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to designate Fort Apache, including the Military Cemetery, as a National Historic Site.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Parks Service, U. S. Department of the Interior are hereby requested to assist in planning and organizing a program for the restoration of Fort Apache.

The foregoing resolution was on November 10, 1965 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Jester Oliver
Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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