

# LIPAN APACHE TRIBE OF TEXAS



## Proclamation "Sacred Ceremonies"

January, 26, 2010

We would like to make it known that The Lipan Apache **TRIBE** of TX **is not**, in any way associated with, or part of, the Lipan Apache **BAND** of TX, inc.

It has come to our attention that the "Band" has held unsanctioned coming-of-age ceremonies before, and is planning to hold another unauthorized, unsanctioned and copied coming-of-age ceremony, and as before, this ceremony will take place **without** the guidance of a traditional Apache Medicine Man/Woman, nor permission of any Apache Tribal Government. Although we feel that as Apache people we should honor our young ladies and our people with this ceremony, It still is of vital importance that we observe the sacredness of the ceremony and that it be done appropriately. We have received many communications filled with distraught from our people, our relations on and off the Apache Reservations, as well as from other Native American Nations in regards to the blatant defiance on the part of the "**BAND**" to traditional Apache Ceremonies and would like to make it known that we also condemn these action by the "BAND" and all others associated with their blasphemous rituals.

The Lipan Apache **TRIBE** of TX has, and will continue, to respect the People and the Grandfathers and will continue the True Apache Ways.

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