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

- WHEREAS, the primary and general election calendar for 1998 for Chairman. Vice-Chairman and other applicable Council positions shall be open for nomination petitions on Friday. December 5, 1997; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Election Code requires that there be a nomination petition for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Council Members; and
- WHEREAS, the form for the nomination petition for Chairman is B-1 for Vice-Chairman B-2 and for Tribal Council Member B-3, attached as appendices to the Tribal Election Code: and
- WHEREAS, said appendices require the person signing the nomination petition to print his/her names, voter census number, signature, address, district and date of signature; and
- WHEREAS, the voter census number is the same as a person's Social Security number and Federal Law allows a person to decline to provide his/her Social Security number; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also concludes that the address should not be necessary for a nomination petition to be valid; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that persons signing nomination petition for Chairman. Vice-Chairman or Council Member should be required to print their name, sign their signature, identify their district and date their signature but that the voter census number and their address is not necessary and is optional, meaning that if the person chooses to disclose their voter census and address they may do so but it is not required to make the nomination petition valid.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Election Commission to advise all persons receiving nomination petitions for Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Council Member to be advised that when they circulate the nomination petition for the foregoing offices that the person signing the petition only have to print their name, sign their signature, identify their district and date their signature but are not required to provide their voter census number or address, that being optional with the person signing the petition.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the failure of any person signing the nomination petition to provide their voter census number or address shall not invalidate any nomination petition or their signature assuming that other requirements for legibility of the printed name, signature and district are determinable.

Resolution No. <u>12-97-359</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 03, 1997</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>ten</u> for and <u>zero</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (q), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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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