

Resolution No. 04-2005-109

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

(Authorizing the WMAT Long Term Care Committee to prepare application documents for final Tribal Council approval to secure favorable rate loan funding and grant funding through the USDA 2005 Rural Development Community Facilities Program)

- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Long Term care (LTC) Initiative was duly established by the WMAT Council pursuant to Tribal Resolution number 05-2000-129; and
- WHEREAS**, the WMAT Long Term Care Committee, charged with spearheading the LTC Initiative, has completed a comprehensive Business Plan for the development *Shiwoye Bigowa (Our Elders' Home)*, a series of 10 residential facilities to be constructed and owned by the Tribe and on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, *Shiwoye Bigowa* will provide state licensed, residential skilled nursing care and assisted living for a maximum of 100 elder and chronically ill WMAT members and other Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS**, the architectural and operating plans for *Shiwoye Bigowa* calls for the construction of 10 individual homes containing 10 private rooms per home that will be constructed in three (3) phases in two (2) communities on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, WMAT Council Tribal Resolution number 05-2000-129 has authorized the WMAT Long Term Care Committee to secure the land necessary for placement of the 10 homes on sites identified in the communities of Whiteriver and Cibecue; and
- WHEREAS**, the *Shiwoye Bigowa* schedule proposes Phase I construction of five (5) homes in Whiteriver in February 2006; Phase II construction of one (1) home on the identified site in Cibecue and one (1) in Whiteriver in February 2007; and Phase III construction of three (3) homes in Whiteriver in February 2008; and
- WHEREAS**, the *Shiwoye Bigowa* Business Plan outlines a community input process initiating in May 2005 that will allow all WMAT members to participate in the architectural design activities of the project; and

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WHEREAS, \$2.75 million in funds have been identified for Phase I construction of *Shiwoye Bigowa* from the 2005 Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Native American Block Grant Program; and


WHEREAS, up to \$3 million in additional funds is needed to pay for Phase I construction and start-up (90 day) operating costs prior to receipt of payment for services from the Arizona Long Term Care System retroactive to the billing date of first service; and

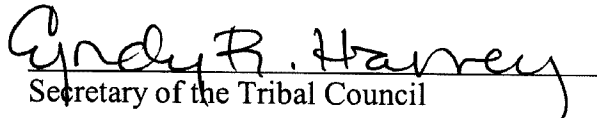
WHEREAS, adequate, favorable-rate loan and grant funds are available through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 2005 Rural Development Community Facilities Program; and

WHEREAS, the *Shiwoye Bigowa* Business Plan demonstrates the project's ability to pay all projected fixed and loan costs based on anticipated revenues without additional financial support from the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the WMAT Long Term Care Committee to prepare application documents for final Tribal Council approval to secure favorable rate loan funding and grant funding through the USDA 2005 Rural Development Community Facilities Program to support *Shiwoye Bigowa* as outlined in the *Shiwoye Bigowa* Business Plan.

The foregoing resolution was on April 13, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to 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).

ACTING 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council