

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

(Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Health and Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, for start-up funding for the development and implementation of a Tribal Child Support Enforcement Plan)

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the power to represent the White Mountain Apache Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Department of Social Services is charged with the task of assisting families move out of welfare and attain economic self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS, an integral part of the transition to self-sufficiency is to establish a regular and predictable source of financial support from the absent parent; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe does not have an organized system for establishing Child Support Orders, the collection of payments from the absent parent, or the distribution of the payment to the custodial parent; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Offices of Child Support Enforcement solicits and awards grants to Tribes for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with developing and implementing a Tribal Child Support Enforcement Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, after careful consideration, finds that an application for federal funding of a Tribal Child Enforcement Plan is in the best interests of the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that:

- 1. In assisting our children and families attain economic self-sufficiency, the Tribal Council directs the Chairman of the Tribe to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, for start-up funding for the development and implementation of a Tribal Child Support Enforcement Plan.
- 2. The Social Services Director is hereby authorized to undertake any tasks that are necessary to develop and implement a Tribal Child Support Enforcement Plan.
- 3. The Tribal Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution, including the

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acceptance and expenditure of any grant funds received according to the terms and conditions of the grant and budget therefore.

The foregoing resolution was on November 30, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (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

Secretary of the Tribal Council