



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

(Approving Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee did present its recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 and finds that the Tribe has a deficit of \$12.7 million, as attached and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends the following interim measures;

1. Closure of the Homeless Shelter;
2. Transfer of the Athletic Department from the Community Services Division to the Division of Education;
3. Transfer of the Farm from the Enterprise Division to Division of Natural Resources;
4. Creation of a department for Branding Inspector and transfer of the department from Tribal Herd to Department of Public Safety;
5. The requirement of the Branding Inspector to be State certified and to be held accountable for all transactions completed with the various cattle associations;

WHEREAS, the budget continuance provided under Resolution No 04-2007-132 was for sixty days and is set to expire on June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Government Operating Budget and the Enterprise Budgets with the recommended adjustments, is ready for immediate implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Tribal Council members should be paid for no more than 5 Council meetings per month at an individual rate of \$150.00 for each meeting and each Council member should be allowed \$10,000 each for their respective Public Relations account (except that that Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman each have their own separate accounts at different allowable amounts); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that deferring merit increases, new positions and capital expenditures is an interim measures to reduce the deficit and achieve a budget which is in balance with projected revenues with the exception of certain positions within the Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the Budget and Finance routinely provides quarterly reports to the Tribal Council on the status of the Tribal Government Operating Budget and the Enterprise Budgets in accordance with the current budget review procedures; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the Accounting Department provides the Tribal Council with monthly financial reports on the status of the budgets and expenditures for Tribal Government and the Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the Chief Financial Officer should be delegated the authority to put a "hold" on department(s) and/or Enterprise expenditures when accounts exceed their approved budget amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that if these budgets are out of compliance with this resolution, the general managers, directors, managers, supervisors and the governing body of the White Mountain Apache Tribe shall be held accountable for the noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the Accounting Department should have the authority to request documentation and written justification of any Tribal department(s) or program(s) concerning any line item variances and adjustments from the approved budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The FY 2007-2008 Tribal Government Operating Budget is hereby approved with total revenues of \$24,429,164 and total expenditures of \$36,991,129 resulting in a net deficit of \$12,741,526 as attached and incorporated by this reference.
2. The FY 2007-2008 Enterprise Operating Budgets with a total income of \$118,674,142 and total expenses of \$99,621,106, resulting in a total net profit of \$18,753,036, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the following interim measures recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee are hereby adopted, subject to thirty days notice thereof to those affected;

1. Closure of the Homeless Shelter;
2. Transfer of the Athletic Department from the Community Services Division to the Division of Education;
3. Transfer of the Farm from the Enterprise Division to Division of Natural Resources;
4. Creation of a department for Branding Inspector and transfer of the department from Tribal Herd to Department of Public Safety;
5. The requirement of the Branding Inspector to be State certified and to be held accountable for all transactions completed with the various cattle associations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Tribal Council members should be paid for no more than 5 Council meetings per month at an individual rate of \$150.00 for each meeting and each Council member should be allowed \$10,000 each for their respective Public Relations account (except that that Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman each

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have their own separate accounts at different allowable amounts) totaling in an additional \$198,000 to be added to the Tribal budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that upon review and careful evaluation, salary increases and/or new positions, and the capital budgets for the Tribal Government and Enterprises are hereby deferred for six months from the date of this Resolution or mid-fiscal year, at which time the Tribal Council and Budget and Finance Committee shall review and compare the budgets with the actual expenditures to determine the feasibility of allowing salary increases, new positions and capital budgets with the exception of certain positions within the Police and Fire Departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that if these budgets are out of compliance with the directives of this resolution, the general managers, directors, managers, supervisors and the governing body of the White Mountain Apache Tribe shall be held accountable for the noncompliance and corrective action shall be taken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to put a "hold" on departments/Enterprises that exceed their approved budgets and is further authorized to direct compliance by the Tribe's divisions, departments, and programs as set forth above.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on June 28, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (i), (k), (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