

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

(Approving a Directive for Collaboration among Division/Department Heads and Department of Social Services (DSS)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) Program)

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 federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF"), a federally funded social services assistance program; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, the Tribe has administered a TANF program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economic Security Family Assistance Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved the TANF Plan for the period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2010 on June 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Plan requires for work participation rate of 25 hours per week per each standard filing unit, 45 CFR 286.195(3) holds WMAT to the work participation rate; and

WHEREAS, WMAT/DSS/TANF Program will work to meet the participation rate requirement in finding work areas for Jobs participant or placing them in school or substance abuse rehabilitation centers; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the participation rates are met and assisting tribal members in attaining self-sufficiency, collaboration among the Tribal Division/Department Directors and WMAT DSS/TANF Program are essential.

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

- 1. All Tribal Division/Department Directors are hereby directed to work with DSS/TANF Program staff to place TANF participants, and thus assist Tribal members in achieving self-sufficiency as required under the Act of 1996.
- 2. The WMAT/DSS/TANF staff is hereby directed to meet with the departments, individually or as a group to determine how each program is able to help the TANF participants, whether to provide a place to gain experience, on the job training or re-learning/upgrading their work skills.

**BE IT FURTHER 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 <u>August 20, 2007</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 the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (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