



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

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 White Mountain Apache Tribe manages 1.6 million acres of forest lands on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, at present, almost all State and Private Forestry assistance from the U.S. Forest Service goes to state governments, such as Arizona, and tribal governments must ask state governments, at the state's discretion, to participate, which often does results in tribal governments not receiving any benefits; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Farm Bill, as approved by the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee on October 25, 2007, includes certain tribal forestry provisions in Title XIII; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Title XIII provisions shall (1) allow for direct tribal governmental participation in U.S. Forest Service programs, one of which shall be newly established as the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation program and the other existing Forest Legacy Conservation Easement program, (2) authorizes the U.S. Forest Service to provide direct support to tribal governments for consultation and coordination, for conservation activities, and for technical assistance for tribal forest resources, and (3) provides the U.S. Forest Service with authority on National Forest System lands for reburial of Native American remains, temporary closure for tribal traditional and cultural purposes, and for tribal access to traditional and cultural forest products, while protecting confidential tribal information in the possession of the Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that tribal governments are separate sovereigns with a unique and direct government-to-government relationship with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the proposed Title XIII provisions will improve the Forest Service's government-to-government relations with tribes and enable the U.S. Forest Service Division of State and Private Forestry to more effectively pursue its goal of strengthening and conserving America's nonfederal forest resources across all the landscape, including more than eighteen million acres of tribal forest land and those forest lands on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that establishing Forest Service programmatic authority directly with tribal governments will more appropriately and equitably fulfill that agency's relations with tribes, and in so doing will help State and Private Forestry more effectively meet its mission across the landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finally finds that for the reasons set forth herein, the 2007 Farm Bill should be supported; and

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WHEREAS, given that the 2007 Farm Bill may be considered by the U.S. Senate before the Tribal Council's next regularly scheduled meeting, the Tribal Council further finds that the Bill needs to be considered and decision made thereon outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the tribal forestry provisions amending Title XIII, as approved by the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee on October 25, 2007, is hereby supported.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairwoman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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 documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, and to make requests to the appropriate members of the U.S. Congress for support of the 2007 Farm Bill.

The foregoing resolution was on October 31, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (b), (f), (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).



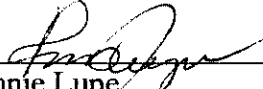
Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. 10-2007-471 initiated the 31st day of October 2007.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials



Ronnie Lupe
Tribal Chairman

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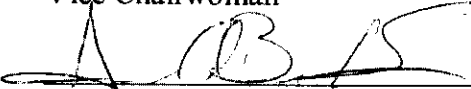
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Margaret Baha-Walker
Vice Chairwoman

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Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member

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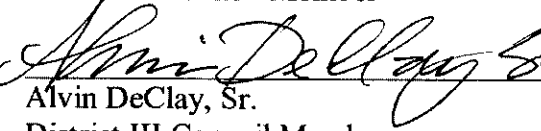


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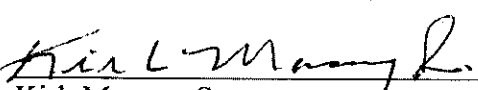


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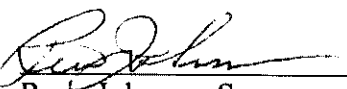
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District IV Council Member

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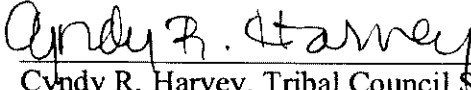
Reno Johnson, Sr.
District IV Council Member

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ATTEST:



Cyndy R. Harvey, Tribal Council Secretary

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Date Signed