



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

**(Approving Proposal of Big Brothers Big Sisters to Provide Certain Services in Whiteriver,
Arizona)**

- 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 Tribe's Education Department provides a strong foundation for the successful development of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's economic, social, spiritual and cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has identified the educational needs of the Tribe, including consideration of the growing population of Apache youth, and addressing the increased rates of violence, drug and alcohol abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has an interest in partnership with surrounding organizations that foster and improve the education and livelihood of Apache people, in addition to supporting the educational process of improving attendance rates, academic progress, social skills and confidence skills; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has identified Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona (BBBSNA) as a significant component to progress in the area of mentorship within the public schools located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA did this day present a proposal to provide services to the community of Whiteriver; and
- WHEREAS,** currently BBBSNA provides mentoring services to non-reservation communities throughout Navajo and Apache Counties in Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA'S proposal, as attached and incorporated by this reference, seeks to coordinate services with the Tribe's Education Division and the Whiteriver Unified School District to establish a High School Bigs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA has received support funds from Northern Arizona Behavioral Health Authority for year one; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposal is to establish guidelines for an agreement between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona (BBBS NEAZ) and White Mountain Apache Tribe in respect to the development and implementation of BBBS Mentoring Programs, to include but not limited to, a HS BIGS Program within the Whiteriver School District. This agreement will be effective for one year from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA proposal is to begin partnership with the Tribal Education Department to host the site for the Whiteriver Program Coordinator, an employee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona, by providing office space; and

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- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Education Department agrees to support the efforts of BBBS NEAZ by serving as an on-site liaison between BBBS NEAZ and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Unified School District agrees to be the site for the BBBS HS BIGS Program by providing space for meeting and/or activities of the group at one of the school locations and will support the efforts of BBBS NEAZ through assistance with identification of program participants, implementation of weekly program meetings, and completion of evaluation documentation; and
- WHEREAS,** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona agrees to identify, hire, train, and support a White Mountain Apache Tribal Member as the Whiteriver Program Coordinator, an employee of BBBS of NEAZ, to coordinate the day to day operations needed to successfully implement the mentoring program; and
- WHEREAS,** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona will be responsible for the expense of implementing said mentoring program as deemed necessary by BBBS NEAZ in accordance with the agency standards. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona agrees to provide liability insurance for all BBBS program meetings, activities and events; and
- WHEREAS,** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona agrees to research and apply for funding to secure the continuation and/or expansion of BBBS Mentoring Program on the White Mountain Apache Tribe Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concurs with the Tribe's Education Department and finds that the BBBSNA proposal is in the best interest of furthering mentoring efforts at the public schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the proposal of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona, as attached and incorporated by this reference, is hereby approved.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on April 10, 2008, 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), (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