

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

(Establishing Committee to Oversee Action Plan on Fiscal Management)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) 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 Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe expects employees of the Tribe to act in good faith and make sure that all Tribal Departments are in compliance with federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware and acknowledges that the Tribe has questions and there has been some confusion with respect to Public Law 93-638 federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Steven J. Haberfeld, Ph.D., Executive Director of Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., has provided the Tribe with an "Action Plan" to deal with the Tribe's high risk status designation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to generally assist the Tribe with compliance and general fiscal management concerns and ensure that high risk status is averted in the future and complications with federal funding prevented; and

WHEREAS, Nona Tuchawena, Superintendent of the BIA, stressed the importance of implementing a financial management policy to protect the Tribe from falling into common pitfalls associated with managers and employees lacking proper training on fiscal matters; and

WHEREAS, after some deliberation, the Tribal Council finds that the following core employees should be assigned to coordinate and oversee the Plan: Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Vice-Chairwoman Margaret Baha-Walker, Victor Velasquez, Cathy Tate, Hugh Lee, Anthony Lee, Ivan Kitcheyan, Ann Button, Ermon Colelay, and Sara Blackwater.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to appoint core tribal employees to a committee that will oversee the Plan and work to promote prosperity and fiscal responsibility on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the following employees are hereby assigned to a committee that will oversee the "Action Plan" and they are responsible for ensuring the successful implementation of the Plan: Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Vice-Chairwoman Margaret Baha-Walker, Victor Velasquez, Cathy Tate, Hugh Lee, Anthony Lee, Ivan Kitcheyan, Ann Button, Ermon Colelay, and Sara Blackwater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Victor Velasquez and Collette Altaha are hereby authorized to follow-up on the Tribe's Action Plan.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with another Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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.

This resolution was on May 6, 2009 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (c), (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).

Ronnie Lupe Chairman of the Tribal Council

Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council