

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

## (Authorizing Shared Polling Place and Venue Change)

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, members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have been challenged due to problems

associated with polling place locations and voter apathy; and

WHEREAS, invalid ballots due to problems and confusion concerning polling venues have occurred in the

past due to the election system in place on the Reservation, which has resulted in a high

percentage of tribal member votes not being counted in prior years; and

WHEREAS, Lisa McKee, Elections Director of the Navajo County Election Services, asks the Tribal

Council to consider housing two polling precincts in one Tribal location and based on voter

projections, this is a feasible and timely alternative for the Tribe to consider; and

WHEREAS, due to scheduling conflicts and security concerns, the Tribal Council is further asked to

consider allowing a change of venue from the Alchesay High School Gymnasium to the

Administrative Training Room, a facility owned by Whiteriver School District #20; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to support the relocating of two

voter precincts under one polling center, tentatively the Administrative Training Room of the White Piver School District #20. in order to help prevent the problems and confivien that have

White River School District #20, in order to help prevent the problems and confusion that have

served to disenfranchise members of the Tribe in years past.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the colocation of tribal precincts at the White River School District #20 Administrative Training Room, as long as the change of venue does not create scheduling conflicts for the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior 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.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>August 12, 2009</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</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), (), (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).

Rounie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council