

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

(Appointment of the Tribal Election Commission)

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, according to the Constitution and the Election Code of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Tribal Elections for open seats on the Tribal Council are staggered and elections are to be held every two years for four year terms; and

WHEREAS, under the Tribal Election Code, prior to any election, the Tribal Council is required to appoint an Election Commission to administer the duties and activities required under the Election Code and to ensure an orderly and fair election process; and

WHEREAS, there will be a Primary Election in February, 2010, and a General Election in April, 2010, for seven seats on the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, prior to the election date there is a considerable amount of preparation and nomination work to be completed, under the supervision of the Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified respected community leaders with a record of community service, cultural understanding and wisdom, and the respect and appreciation for the responsibilities and operations of the Tribal government, including:

Curtis Suttle Delbin Endfield Cynthia Burnett
Anthony Cooley Gregg Henry Cyndy Harvey
Jonathan Baylish Veldon Clendon

and;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council expects the members of the Election Commission to undertake their duties with great care and dedication, emphasizing coordination and communication with the Tribal community.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following individuals to the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Election Commission pursuant to the Tribal Election Code, Section 2.1, for a term to expire six months following the conclusion of the upcoming general election:

Curtis Suttle
Anthony Cooley
Jonathan Baylish

Delbin Endfield Gregg Henry Veldon Clendon

Cynthia Burnett Cyndy Harvey

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Commission shall prepare for the election process and to undertake their duties in a manner to uphold their solemn obligations under the Tribal Constitution and Election Code to ensure a fair and orderly process for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that in the event of any inconsistency between this Resolution and any 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>September 22, 2009</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ONE</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), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

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