

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

(Supporting First Things First and Encouraging Continued Funding by the State of Arizona)

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 is concerned that an important Tribal

Program, First Things First, is primed for financial cuts by the State of Arizona due to the state of

the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 05-2009-135 with the goal of improving health and

school readiness for children between the ages of 0 and 5 years while advancing education and

access to childcare services for Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council convened a special emergency session in Phoenix Arizona for the purpose of

discussing the Tribe's finances and issues that are key to enhancing the key interests of Tribal

Members on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to voice its strong support for the First Things First program and urges

the State of Arizona and awarding officials to take into consideration the strong impact that the

program has made on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe for the First Things First program to

continue to receive funding so that it may operate without interruption and continue to highly

benefit Tribal Members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby shows strong support for the First Things First program, sponsored by the State of Arizona, and extends its appreciation for continued funding from the State for the purpose of enhancing education and promoting access to childcare services for Tribal Members.

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>December 16, 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), (b), (i), (k), (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