

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

(Granting a Lease to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Randall Bonito Jr. Aviation Center to be Located at the Whiteriver Airport)

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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fire Management Program has submitted a proposal to construct an Aviation Center on tribal lands, located within the Whiteriver Airport; to be known as the Randall Bonito Jr. Aviation Center; and

WHEREAS, the BIA Fire Management Program will be responsible for funding the construction of the building and management of the Aviation building for the purpose of housing the BIA Fort Apache Helitack Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) committee has reviewed and approved the proposal to implement the construction of the Randall Bonito Jr. Aviation Center at the Whiteriver Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) also reviewed and approved the proposal, provided that the area is surveyed to identify any culturally significant sites prior to construction of the proposed Randall Bonito Aviation Building; and

WHEREAS, the Randall Bonito Aviation Building will provide the BIA Fort Apache Agency a center that will meet national health and safety standards and provide the Fort Apache Helitack crew a base to work from in order to protect tribal trust lands from catastrophic wild land fires and other potentially disastrous incidences that may occur; and

whereas, the Tribal Council, upon review and consideration, finds the proposed project is in the best interest of the Tribe, and will pay honor and respect to the Bonito family by naming this building after the late Randall Bonito Jr., who lost his life in the line of duty.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe supports the improvements that will be made to the property located adjacent to the present Fire Control Center at the Whiteriver Airport and that the Tribe hereby accepts the BIA's proposal to seek funds for the development of the Aviation Building.

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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 9, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</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), (c), (f), (h), (i), (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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council