

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

(Contribution of to Save First Things First - No on 302 Campaign)

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, In November 2006, Arizona voters created *First Things First* to be funded by a special tax on tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, this revenue, directed by law into the Early Childhood Development and Health Fund, was mandated by voters to "increase the quality of and access to early childhood development and health services for children up to five years of age"; and

WHEREAS, On November 2, 2010, Arizona voters will decide on Proposition 302, a ballot initiative that would take the voter-approved tobacco tax dollars away from *First Things First*; and

WHEREAS, First Things First has provided health and education benefits to children on the White Mountain Apache Reservation;

WHEREAS, if Proposition 302 passes all the tobacco money designated for children's services will be swept into the General Fund, where it will come under the Legislature's control.; and

WHEREAS, First Things First early childhood education programs will cease if Proposition 302 passes; and

WHEREAS, First Things First is important to early childhood development on the White Mountain Apache Reservation and Eddie Basha has teamed up with other members of Save First Things First - No on 302 to oppose Proposition 302 the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Based on the Tribe's commitment to early childhood health and education and its long-standing relationship with Eddie Basha a \$4,000.00 contribution will be made to *Save First Things First – No on 302* for the purpose of opposing Proposition 302.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby contributes \$4,000.00 to *Save First Things First – No on 302* for the purpose of opposing Proposition 302.

Resolution No. <u>09-2010-256</u>

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 Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>September 29, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>seven</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), 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