

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

(Approving Revisions to H.R. 1065 for U.S. Senate Consideration)

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 White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act ("Act") of 2010 (H.R. 1065), was approved by the House of Representatives on January 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, after H.R. 1065 was approved by the House of Representatives, the White Mountain Apache Tribe had numerous meetings and conferences with representatives from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and other parties with the goal of obtaining Administration support for H.R. 1065 in the United States Senate and has reached agreement with the Administration on proposed revisions to H.R. 1065 so that the Administration can on the record support the Tribe's water rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Brauchli, water rights counsel for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, has presented a written report to the Tribal Council summarizing the proposed revisions to H.R. 1065 for consideration by the United States Senate and the proposed revisions are set forth in Senate Legislative Counsel's draft ARP 10246, which has been distributed to the Tribal Council and reviewed and discussed with special water rights counsel and the tribal water rights team; and

WHEREAS, After review and discussion of the proposed revisions to H.R. 1065, the Tribal Council concludes that it would be in the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the proposed changes for consideration by the United States Senate.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the proposed revisions to H.R. 1065 as set forth in the Senate Legislative Counsel's draft ARP 10246.

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.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>OCTOBER 7, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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), (e), (f), (h), (i), (m), (q), (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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council