

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

(Reaffirming the Services Provided by the Client Business Office)

- 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 Client Business Office of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) has been established and is operated through the White Mountain Apache Patient Transportation Program under P.L. 93-638, Contract No. HHSI2471010009C FY 2010/2011; and
- WHEREAS, the Client Business Office is a department within the White Mountain Apache Division of Health, located at 522 South Fourth Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Patient Transportation provides safe and efficient transportation for eligible beneficiaries who reside on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR), who qualify for Indian Health Services (IHS) services and may require transportation to other facilities for medical services beyond the scope of the Whiteriver Service Unit; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Patient Transportation program provides local and nonemergency medical transportation if funding is available; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Patient Transportation program provides transportation for all Tribal members of the F.A.I.R. free of charge, however, in order to support the staff and vehicle maintenance, third party billing is applied for all those who have Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); and
- WHEREAS, the IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS, the Client Business Office has been informed that numerous non-Tribal businesses have been providing transportation to Tribal members without any existing contracts or agreements with the WMAT; and
- WHEREAS, this current situation has negatively affected the Client Business Office and its overall purpose of providing transportation to all Tribal members at no expense; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to reaffirm the transportation services provided by the Client Business Office and to disallow non-Tribal businesses to operate on the FAIR without Tribal Council approval.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby:

- 1. Acknowledges the Client Business Office as the main source of non-emergency medical transportation service provided for members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- 2. Denies any non-Tribal business to provide the same services provided by the Client Business Office.

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 OCTOBER 28, 2010 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO 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), (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