



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

(Authorizing Tribal Participation in Elder Needs Assessment Survey)

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 Tribal Council has been asked to participate in a nationwide elder needs assessment on long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personnel care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, three National Resources Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health & Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance for the Health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska and Hawaiian Native elderly and to assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and

WHEREAS, the assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs: General Health Status; Activities of Daily Living; Visual, Hearing, and Dental, Tobacco and Alcohol Use; Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight; Social Support, Housing and Work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Aging Act to perform Research and disseminate the results of the research, and

WHEREAS, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the Nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe and Consortium will each assume responsibilities as follows:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviews via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data Storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with nation statistics

What each Tribe/Consortium will provide:

- A Tribe Resolution documenting participation in the Native elders social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviews or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

WHEREAS, results from the assessment, along with a national comparison report from all needs assessments, will be provided to the Tribal Council and to the local contact person; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize Tribal participation in the nationwide elder needs assessment survey as described herein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes participation in the most current "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders."

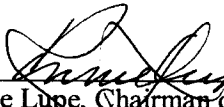
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation belongs to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without proper Tribal authorization.

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 **MARCH 16, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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), (i), (j), (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