



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

(Approval of Authority to Apply for the Rural Innovation Fund Program)

- 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 is dependent on external sources of energy, such as utility gas, electricity, and bottled/tank/LP gas for the purpose of heating and supplying power to homes and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** a majority of tribal members and businesses use wood as the primary source of fuel, 20.3% use bottled/tank/LP gas, 14.1% use utility gas, 9.6% use electricity, and 1% use other forms of fuel for heating purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** an abundance of woody biomass exists on tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** this natural resource is not currently being utilized efficiently; and
- WHEREAS,** a biomass system produces energy by using woody biomass to generate and provide heat to businesses and individual homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe lacks the financial resources essential to construct a district biomass system on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** a funding opportunity exists in the amount of \$800,000.00 through the Rural Innovation Fund Program to establish a district biomass system that will effectively utilize the aforementioned resource; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds will finance the development of a district biomass system to process locally available woody biomass into an efficient heating source; and
- WHEREAS,** funds for the implementation and completion of the biomass system, including engineering, acquisition of permits, and construction, are available from other sources that are currently being pursued; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes a need for an alternative energy source for tribal members and businesses.

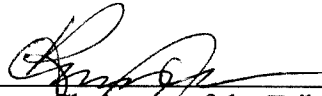
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Department of Planning and Community Development to apply for funds available through the Rural Innovation Fund Program to fund the development of a district biomass system.

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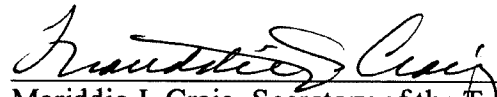
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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), (f), (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