



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

(Authorizing Closure of the Sundown Liquor Store During Tribal Elections)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council ("Council") of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") on this day, was briefed by members of the Election Commission ("Commission") regarding the review and preparation of numerous procedural safeguards that would serve to enhance the integrity of the election process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reported that the blatant consumption and abuse of alcohol throughout the election process is wholly inconsistent with the duty of voters to carefully exercise their right at the ballot box to select future leadership of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, members of the Commission and the Council are greatly concerned that members of our community, particularly our youth, as well as observers from outside our community, will draw the wrong conclusions about our respect for fair, informed and thoughtful election procedures, given the increase in alcohol-related behavior that is exhibited during the election process; and

WHEREAS, the sale of alcohol on the date of the Tribal Election should not be the primary cause of excess alcohol consumption, but the Council recognizes that a ban on alcohol sales during the election will send a message that the voting rights and duties of each enrolled adult member cannot be properly exercised while consuming alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe operates the Sundown Liquor Store as a service to the community, and is mindful that the sales should not disrupt Tribal and community functions during election days.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in order to reduce the disruptions and displays of disrespect which have become more prevalent during Tribal elections, the Council hereby directs that the Sundown Liquor Store be closed for business on the days of the Tribal primary election and Tribal general election.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it recognizes that the one-day closures of the liquor store during an election will not eliminate the harms from alcohol abuse, but the Council takes this action to send a message that the voters of the Tribe have a duty to participate in the selection of government leaders, and this is a duty which cannot be responsibly fulfilled under the influence of alcohol.

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


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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 **JULY 6, 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), (h), (i), (k), (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