



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

(John F. Kennedy Day School Facility)

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as a federally recognized Indian tribal government, with inherent rights of self governance, and pursuant to its Tribal Constitution, exercises rights of self determination through its elected Council, and enjoys a government-to-government relationship with the federal government of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to 25 CFR Part 32.3 the Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) mission is to provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in accordance with a tribe's needs for cultural and economic well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the John F. Kennedy Day School, located in Cedar Creek, Arizona on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is BIE funded; and
- WHEREAS,** the school facility was originally constructed in the early 1960's for the purpose of educating students in Kindergarten thru Sixth Grade and had an approximate enrollment of less than 100 students; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past few decades the school has expanded to an enrollment of approximately 234 students in Kindergarten thru Eighth Grade; and
- WHEREAS,** to accommodate the increased enrollment and grade levels, eight mobile trailers have been located near the original school facility; and
- WHEREAS,** the physical condition of the original school facility and the mobile trailers have deteriorated and maintenance been deferred to the point where BIE is failing to meet its stated mission of providing quality education opportunities for the children attending the school; and
- WHEREAS,** examples of the deterioration and deferred maintenance include:
- Inadequate fire alarm system
 - The fire alarm system failed inspection and the Fire Marshall closed the facility for one week while the problems were addressed
 - Old wiring incompatible with modern technology needs
 - The facility is not wired with CAT 5 cable necessary to provide access to web servers; the CAT 3 cable that was installed over ten years ago does not support access to broadband internet service
 - Inconsistent phone service
 - The school phone system is inconsistent between buildings, this is inconvenient on a daily basis for the distribution of information and announcements, but is also a safety concern if the school needed to go into a lock-down or for evacuation

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- Several remaining Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM)
- A recent inspection report noted several assumed and confirmed ACBM in the facility

WHEREAS, these concerns were brought to the attention of the Education Line Officer responsible for the school at the Summer Institute 2011 in Reno, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, board members at the school, school administration and parents are concerned about the facility because it serves an important role in educating children and in working with parents to be more involved in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, funding for minor improvements to the school has been made available, however the expense of upgrading and maintaining outdated systems is economically inefficient; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore imperative that rather than continuing funding provisional short-term fixes that the BIE make a new facility for John F. Kennedy Day School a priority.

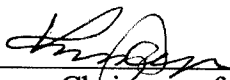
WHEREAS, the only way for BIE to continue to meet its stated goal of providing a quality educational opportunity for students attending John F. Kennedy Day School is to provide funding for a new larger facility that does not depend on modular buildings for the majority of classrooms.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports the BIE in meeting its stated goal of providing a quality educational opportunity for students attending John F. Kennedy Day School by providing funding for a larger modernized facility that does not depend on modular buildings for the majority of classrooms.

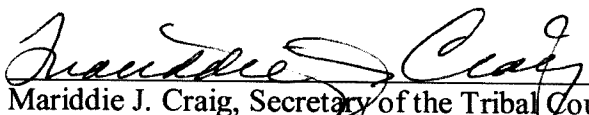
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 **JULY 6, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for and **ZERO** against and by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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