



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

**( Implementing TANF Payment Standards )**

- WHEREAS,** the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (“Act”) provides Tribal governments the authority to develop, establish, and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (“TANF”), a federally funded social services assistance program; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1998, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) has administered a TANF program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (“AZDES”) Family Assistance Administration, with the eligibility portion sub-contracted to AZDES and WMAT administering the Jobs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 31, 2010, AZDES terminated the subcontract authorizing them to determine eligibility for the WMAT TANF Program; and
- WHEREAS,** as of August 1, 2010, the WMAT TANF Program has restructured and is now operating both the Eligibility and Jobs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the TANF Program purchased a new system called Tribal Assistance System (TAS) to assist the Tribe in effectively and efficiently operating the TANF Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the TAS will allocate funding more in a manner that will better serve the WMAT members and its client’s benefit funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the TANF Program hereby requests that the Tribe authorize it to reinstate the A1 and A2 Payment Standards for the client’s benefits, thereby rescinding and replacing Resolution No. 08-2010-212; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve of the recommendations mentioned as described hereto.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the WMAT TANF Program to do the following:

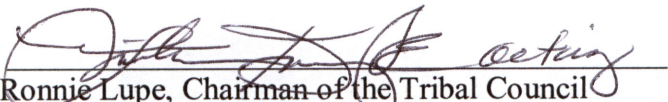
1. Implement the A1 and A2 Payment Standards in determining eligibility for TANF benefits.
2. Ensure the Tribe stays within the federally allocated budget of \$1.9 million dollars.
3. Amend TANF policies as applicable in order to comply with the intent of this Resolution.

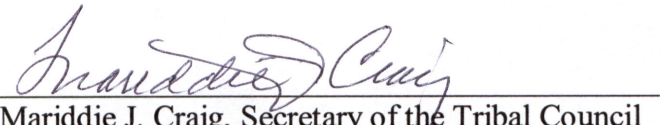
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the WMAT TANF Program to send all applicable notices required by law to its TANF clients.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event of any inconsistency between this Resolution and any other Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern, and any and all tribal policies and procedures are hereby amended for consistency herewith.

**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 document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 28, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** 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), (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