



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

(Approving Native Americans WMA Language Survey Project Grant Application, FY2012)

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, acting as stewards of tribal sovereignty and seeking benefits for the Apache people of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation communities, has consistently supported initiatives to revitalize and perpetuate *Ndee biyati' hidahi, Ndee bizhiih*, the living Apache language; and
- WHEREAS,** the distinctive and unique identity of the White Mountain Apache Indigenous People, the sovereignty, the cultural knowledge, and spirituality are all predicated on the vitality of *Ndee biyati' hidahi*; and the Tribal Council acknowledges that it lacks community language programming due to a variety of factors that need to be addressed, and that a priority is to establish the current status of the White Mountain Apache language; and
- WHEREAS,** by past resolutions the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council unanimously endorsed and adopted a language committee (comprised of language activist tribal community members and teachers), and chairperson in collaboration with the Director of the Nowike' Bagowah Culture Center and it's Cultural Advisory Board as the entity responsible for organizing Apache language planning and language education on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the ANA federal agency stated (in 2010) that eligible applicants for language program funding provide a detailed description of the current status of a native language to be addressed and to use data collected within the past 36 months; therefore, the WMA Tribe must first conduct a language survey on the Reservation in order to assess the current status of the Apache language in their communities and that approval for future grant applications/funding for language programming would be more forthcoming with the completion of a language survey as a priority; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria, alumnus of the University of Arizona (Tucson) graduate degree program of interdisciplinary studies with a focus on the Apache language and education, had been appointed (2001) by tribal resolution as a chairperson for the *Ndee Biyati' Hidahi* Language Committee, has volunteered to lead the re-organized language committee, and to serve as an ANA project manager (if funded); and
- WHEREAS,** the DHHS-ACF Administration for Native Americans has announced the availability of the ANA FY2012 Native Language Preservation and Maintenance (FON# HHS-2012-ACF-ANA-NL-0139) grant funding up to \$ 300,000 per budget period to assist Native American tribes in language preservation efforts with an application due date of January 31, 2012, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is eligible for funding as it meets the criteria for federally-recognized tribal nation with an IRS tax code designation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; the WMA Language Survey Project to be managed by tribal members/employees and tribal department(s) under tribal government, is applying for funding to conduct a language survey under the ANA Program goal and area of interest for social self-sufficiency and cultural preservation; and
- WHEREAS,** regarding the ANA Program has requirements for cost-sharing or matching funding of 20% (or non-Federal share) by applicant organizations of the total proposed budget for this project, the Tribal Council understands that Ms. SantaMaria will seek and identify leveraged resources through interoperability and collaborative agreements with tribal and other departments including a previous

award for \$10,000 approved (2010) by the WMA Land Restoration Fund Board for the overall project budget; and

WHEREAS, given the urgency of the approaching deadline, the Tribal Council further finds that the grant application needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria, is authorized to prepare and submit a grant application and budget to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) agency's Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant Program FY2012, a proposal to request funding of up to \$300,000 per budget period for a 36-month project with three 12-month budget periods to conduct a language survey on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with a proposed budget that will include a 20% cost share consisting of tribal in-kind contribution of salary, benefits, office equipment and overhead (office space, utilities) costs and other leveraged resources (exact overall totals for proposed budget still pending finalization of grant proposal by end of January, 2012).
2. The tribal government recognizes that tribal building space is lacking; therefore, recommends that the Fort Apache Foundation Board consider provision of office space within their oversight area at Fort Apache under the auspices of the Foundation's mission and other federal Cultural Preservation policies for American Indians to be utilized as a 638 or federal cost share contribution if this project is funded.
3. The Tribal Council recommends and directs that the contribution of \$10,000 previously approved by the Tribe's Land Restoration Fund Board be re-instated for this project and that this amount will derive from that Fund's budgeted amount that will be available for this year's funding cycle.
4. The WMA Tribal Council approves and supports the renewal appointment of Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria as the Chair of the Tribe's language committee, and to administer the ANA Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant Program's WMAT Language Survey Project as a Project Manager to collaborate with the Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center's Cultural Resource Director and Cultural Advisory Board on major decisions for this project.
5. The WMA Tribal Council strongly supports the Ndee Biyati' Hidahi language committee's language planning goals and recommends the involvement of the Tribe's Heritage Programs: Fort Apache Foundation, Nohwike' Bagowa Culture Center/Museum, Historic Preservation Office, and other departments/programs including the WMAT Youth Program, Education Department, local entities, Apache language teachers, and community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby directs 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 Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on _____ duly adopted by a vote of _____ for and _____ 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), (g), (j), (k), (r), (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

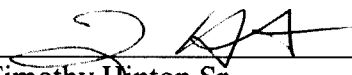
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. _____ initiated the _____ day of _____ 2011. Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

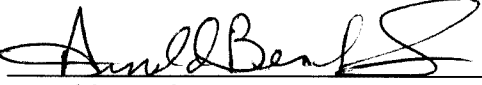
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