

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

Resolution No. 06-2012-75

(Directing Tribal Council Members to Adhere to Business Hours from 8am to 5pm)

WHEREAS,

members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") have received complaints from constituents and other elected leaders that select Tribal Council representatives are consistently unavailable to meet with the individuals they represent, creating a situation whereby elected leaders of other districts are required to meet with Tribal members to address their concerns; and

WHEREAS,

Council Representative Clinton Kessay, on this day, requests that the Tribal Council officially establish office hours from 8am to 5pm (similar to Tribal employees) so that the concern as raised above does not continue to inconvenience elected officials and constituents alike; and

WHEREAS,

the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to require that Tribal Council members assume business hours in line with Tribal government employees, so that they may be available to hear the concerns and needs of the Tribal members they are elected to represent.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares that elected leaders shall be subject to office hours that mirror Tribal business; they should not be paid or treated differently from Tribal employees. Members of the Tribal Council should be available to Tribal members and adhere to established business hours from 8am to 5pm.

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 supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect. This Resolution shall not be subject to Judicial Interpretation, only the Tribal Attorney, with the assistance of the Tribal Council Secretary, may opine on Tribal Council intent and the meaning of the language as used herein.



documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign provided that the Tribal Secretary and a Tribal Attorney attest to the veracity of the subject matter of this Resolution.

> The foregoing resolution was on **June 1, 2012** duly adopted by a vote of **FIVE** 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), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, 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).

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