



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 09-2012-131

(Supporting White Mountain Apache Domestic Violence Coalition)

- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (“Council”) is entrusted by the Tribal Constitution to look after the general welfare of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) and has the authority to recognize voluntary organizations and support efforts in furtherance of benefiting the Tribe and surrounding community; and
- WHEREAS**, numerous Tribal Agency representatives have met throughout the Spring and Summer of 2012 for the purpose of raising awareness about the harms and dangers posed to victims of domestic violence on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS**, representatives from Stand Strong Project, Inter Agency Community Committee (“IACC”), Apache Behavioral Health Services (“ABHS”), Whiteriver Indian Health Services (“IHS”), White Mountain Apache Prosecution Unit, Whiteriver Police Department, Whiteriver Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) among others, collectively known as the White Mountain Apache Domestic Violence Coalition (“Coalition”) have gathered to discuss strategies that would benefit and inform the general public on issues pertaining to domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS**, the Coalition will apply for grant funding to help make the program a success and in order to provide certain services to Tribal members such as education on victims’ rights and information on available services. Additionally, the Coalition will provide education and training for various organizations within the reservation on how to respond to domestic violence situations while providing compassionate and ethical services to victims of abuse such as providing funding for advocates to represent victims of domestic violence and making transportation available for victims who need assistance receiving SAFE House services; and
- WHEREAS**, representatives of the various Tribal agencies, on this day, hereby request that the Tribal Council consider authorizing the Coalition to provide services to Tribal members afflicted by domestic violence and related issues. Additionally, in 1997 the Federal government officially recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, through Public Law 101-112;
- WHEREAS**, the coalition recommends that the Tribal Council also formally recognize October as the Tribe’s Domestic Violence Awareness month from this date forward, in conjunction with the recognition and awareness efforts set forth by the Federal government and its agencies. If approved, the Coalition plans to provide a three day conference during the month of October in furtherance of Domestic Violence Awareness month beginning in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize the Coalition to take the steps necessary to secure grant funding and to further the Tribal Council's objective of promoting domestic violence awareness and supporting services that will aid Tribal member victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that official Tribal recognition of October as the Tribe's Domestic Violence Awareness month is in the best interest of Apache families and victims of domestic violence on the Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the White Mountain Apache Domestic Violence Coalition to provide services as described herein and to secure the necessary grant funding to make the program a success. Upon receipt of any State or Federal financial awards greater than \$5,000, the Coalition shall provide notice to the Tribal Council and accept such awards on behalf of the Tribe provided that the Tribe shall not be obligated to provide in-kind or matching funds without the Coalition first seeking Tribal Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares the month of October as the "White Mountain Apache Domestic Violence Awareness Month," and the Tribe fully supports the efforts of the Coalition as set forth herein. In furtherance of this declaration, the Tribal Council authorizes the Domestic Violence Coalition to carry out its plan to conduct a conference on domestic violence in October of 2013.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all 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 September 5, 2012 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ONE 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), (i), (j), (k), (r), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

9-13-12

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

09-12-2012

Date