



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

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## **Resolution No. 10-2012-149**

**(Endorsing and Supporting the Election of Ann Kirkpatrick,  
Richard Carmona and Dawnafaye Whitesinger)**

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that having grown up on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation, Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick appreciates the traditions and history of the White Mountain Apache as well as respecting tribal sovereignty and honoring government-to-government relationships; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that as a member of the Native American Caucus, Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick has worked hard to raise awareness of the unique challenges that tribal communities face and to fight for resources to address the critical needs of these communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that the economic and social problems facing the White Mountain Apache Tribe, demand the kind of competent and responsible leadership that Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick has demonstrated in her first term in the United States House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick introduced the permanent reauthorization of Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) funding into the Affordable Health Care Act that the Supreme Court ruled as constitutional; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick Introduced and passed the White Mountain Apache Water Rights Quantification Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick co-sponsored legislation banning uranium mining in the Grand Canyon; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick held a Congressional Field Hearing in Window Rock on April 10, 2010, where testimonies were taken before members of the Veterans and Financial Services Committees from various Indian tribes and tribal organizations. As a result, this field hearing lead to the passage of the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act (bullet point 8); and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick introduced the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act to correct an oversight in the tribal housing law that has caused disabled Veterans, their families and their survivors to be denied the help they need. Her bill would exclude Veterans' compensation and survivor benefits from the definition of income, meaning that Veterans' benefits could no longer disqualify Native Americans from housing assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick introduced and passed the Rural American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick introduced and passed H.R. 1834, the Native American Business Development Enhancement Act, which authorized grants for Tribal Business Information Centers to assist Native Americans in starting and expanding businesses. This bill was passed by the House of Representatives as part of H.R. 2352, the Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick, a member of the Congressional Impact Aid Coalition, urged the House Appropriations Committee to include funding for Impact Aid and school facilities construction in tribal communities to strengthen our local economies and give our children the resources they need to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick co-sponsored the Tribal Law Enforcement Act, which provides grants for tribal law enforcement, increased federal investigative support for tribal law enforcement, and enhanced power for tribal courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick has worked to get Arizona's Tribal areas designated within the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, which provides increased levels of communication, information, coordination, and funding in the fight against the organized drug trade; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick was an original cosponsor of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments Act of 2010, which expands compensation and make Washington do the right thing for many more workers, miners and down-winders who have been affected by uranium mining and nuclear testing; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds that upon comparison of all candidates for office, Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, Richard Carmona, and Dawnafaye Whitesinger, presents the best opportunity to reverse the neglect by the United States of its treaty, legal, and moral obligations to Indian Nations and Indian People.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby fully endorses and supports Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to serve Arizona's Congressional District One in the United States House of Representatives, Richard Carmona to serve as the U.S. Senate for Arizona, and Dawnafaye Whitesinger to serve as the Navajo County Supervisor and urges all White Mountain Apache Tribal Members in Arizona to support the endorsement.

**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.

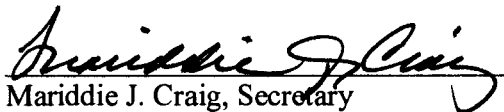
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 3, 2012** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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), (i), (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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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

12/3/12  
Date

  
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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

11-28-2012  
Date