



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 01-2013-21

(Authorizing Further Work on Revisions to the Tribal Constitution)

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 Tribal Election Commission has presented its final recommendations to the Tribal Council for changes to the Tribe's Election Code and reported to the Council on its work to strengthen and amend the provisions in the Tribal Constitution governing the election process and blood quantum criteria for Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the work to evaluate and revise portions of the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that the changes under consideration would benefit the entire Tribal membership, but they will require considerable work and discussion and review among the Tribal programs and the Tribe's membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously requested technical assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support this important effort, but has not received a definitive response to date; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion concerning the Election Commission report, the Tribal Council takes the following actions to support and authorize the Election Commission's work and to enable the Tribe to move forward with the work needed on its Constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it renews its request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for technical assistance to support the Tribe in its work to reform the Tribal Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the Tribal Election Commission to remain as the Tribal committee delegated to spearhead the Constitution reform and to carry out the work it described this date, including identification of training opportunities for the Council and public outreach and information through radio reports and public meetings and other means.

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.

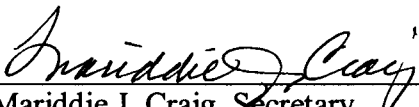
The foregoing resolution was on JANUARY 30, 2012 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, ratified by 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

2-1-13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

02/01/2013

Date