

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 02-2013-33

(Suspending Marilyn Ethelbah Pending Results Of Investigation)

WHEREAS, the

the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on this day did hear reports from law enforcement officials and the Tribe's Legal Department concerning a recent incident that suggests serious violations of the Tribe's Vehicle Policy and the Tribe's Personnel Policies and Procedures had taken place; and

WHEREAS,

Ms. Marilyn Ethelbah, Tribal Utility Authority Director, was cited by the Tribal Prosecutor for violating the criminal code in addition to the personnel and vehicular policies cited above. For this reason, the Tribal Council finds it in the Tribe's best interest to direct the Personnel Department to place Marilyn Ethelbah on administrative leave without pay until additional information is presented to the Council or an investigation takes place to shed light on the incident as described by law enforcement.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby directs that effective immediately, Ms. Ethelbah shall be placed on administrative leave without pay and such action shall be enforced until further evidence or information is presented to the Council, an investigation is initiated, or Tribal Court action has taken place to shed light on Ms. Ethelbah's alleged violations of the Criminal Code and Personnel Policies.

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 <u>February 07, 2013</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against 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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

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