



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 03-2013-51

(Approving IGA with Navajo County)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has been approached by the Navajo County of the State of Arizona ("County") on numerous occasions regarding the possibility of the County and Tribe working to provide assistance to one another pursuant to emergency requests for assistance. Often, law enforcement agencies are left in positions of weakness due to lacking financial resources and manpower, however, with an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") in place that would benefit the various agencies involved, the Tribal community could rest assure that their law enforcement needs would be better met in years to come; and

WHEREAS, after years of discussion regarding the possibility of an IGA that would allow for cross commissioning of law enforcement officials and a solution to potential jurisdictional pitfalls, the Tribe and Navajo County have come to terms in principle on enforcing an intergovernmental agreement that would allow the County and Tribe to provide assistance upon request to one another in the event of emergencies or other needs can be reasonably supported pursuant to cooperative measures going forward. This cooperative intergovernmental agreement would also set the framework that should immediately allow for better communication, joint operations that would minimize jurisdictional issues, and an overall enhanced ability of the County and Tribe to respond to their law enforcement needs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Legal Department to negotiate the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with Navajo County officials that will benefit the Tribe's Law Enforcement efforts, allow for the Tribe to both provide and receive assistance upon request and generally improve the ability of the Tribe, Navajo County and any other relevant agencies to service their respective communities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the agreement should be consistent with the discussions, issues and other concerns raised with the Tribal Council and by the Tribal Attorney, and that the Tribe's sovereignty be strengthened, rather than weakened, by virtue of entering into such agreement.

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 March 13, 2013 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for 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), (b), (i), (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

7/2/13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

07/01/2013

Date