



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 03-2013-61

(Approving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Plan)

- 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 federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) Program, a federally funded Social Services Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1998, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) has administered a TANF Program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economics Security Family Assistance Administration; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe’s Department of Social Services (“WMAT-DSS”) presented its plan to the Tribal Council for administrating the Tribe’s TANF Program for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 2016 (the “Plan”); and
- WHEREAS,** the Plan provides for application and processing, eligibility, payment of benefits, time limits for receiving benefits, work requirements, support services, dispute resolution, fiscal accountability, data collection and reporting, retrocession and holidays; and
- WHEREAS,** the WMAT-DSS has provided the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with an opportunity to comment on the Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** after careful review and consideration, the Tribal Council finds the Plan to be in the best interest of the Tribe as it provides much needed assistance to Tribal members in need of such financial assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the newly submitted TANF Plan and authorizes its execution for the period beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2016, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to update and modify the plan as needed, provided that any substantive changes are subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council.

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.

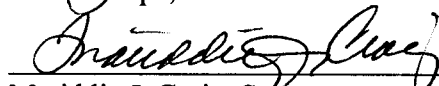
The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 13, 2013 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (i), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, 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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

3/18/13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

03/18/2013

Date