



**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**(Honoring Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe)**

**WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) is honored to have the wisdom, teachings, and leadership of Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe for the past 50 years in the capacity of both an elected member of the Tribal Council and as the Tribal Chairman; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Apache Indian Reservation community and tribal members have benefited greatly under the guidance and leadership of Chairman Lupe. We are all in debt to his public services of preserving tribal history and culture by defending our rights as Apache people, protecting our lands, settling our sacred water disputes, and creating economic opportunities for all tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** Chairman Ronnie Lupe became Chairman when FATCO was first started and led it to become the economic engine of the Tribe, envisioned Sunrise as a significant contributor to the Tribal and White Mountain Apache Community, implemented the vision of a trophy elk hunt that now has international acclaim, the single most noteworthy contribution was the ongoing fight for tribal sovereignty and preservation of the Tribe's water rights that resulted in the 2010 Rural Water Act; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council desires to allocate a specific amount of future funds from the Carbon Credit Project to build a home for Chairman Ronnie Lupe at his desired location, permit him to keep his current tribal vehicle as his own personal vehicle, and allow him to remain on tribal payroll at half of his current salary in appreciation and respect for 50 years of public service given to the tribe and the Apache people; and

**WHEREAS,** The WMAT shall hold a week long community celebration on the second week of May 2014 to honor and commemorate Chairman Ronnie Lupe. Furthermore, the tribe shall invite local officials, tribal representatives, state leadership and national representatives to the WMAT for a public awards ceremony and celebration to conclude the week long community celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council wants to make Ronnie Lupe an honorary councilmember, non-voting member, who will be allowed to freely partake in debates so that the Tribal Council can call upon his wisdom, knowledge, and experiences on issue consistently as long as he desires to hold the position; and

**WHEREAS** The President of the United States has established by history and tradition the Presidential Medal of Freedom and no Native American has ever been so honored.

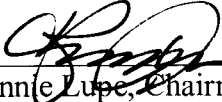
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that hereby shall build a home for Ronnie Lupe and allow him to keep his tribal vehicle and half of his current salary. Furthermore, the Tribal Council shall hold a week long community celebration in honor of Ronnie Lupe and shall make him an honorary councilmember.

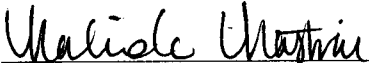
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this resolution and a letter be sent to President Obama requesting consideration for awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Chairman Ronnie Lupe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 7, 2013 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, ZERO against and TWO 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), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Tribe, 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 of the Tribal Council

  
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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council