



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 10-2013-198

(Request for Approval for Bilingual/Bicultural Education Development by Theodore Roosevelt School and School Board)

- WHEREAS,** the School Board and Administration of the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School at Fort Apache, Arizona, wish to incorporate a culturally relevant curriculum and instruction model into our school to integrate or connect Native students traditional culture knowledge with western educational objectives to strengthen their overall education by deepening their knowledge, instill a desire to learn more; and
- WHEREAS,** there have been numerous research studies and recommendations by various educational and other organization on the subject of Native American youth and their social problems that have identified losses of linguistic and cultural knowledge as a major negative factor in their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the conclusion from the aforementioned studies generally state that the teaching of Native languages and cultural knowledge that embedded morality lessons and sense of identity for young Native Americans have greatly decreased in past decades which has led to numerous negative social, psychological, educational, legal and other problems in tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** as a boarding school for Native American young people from various tribal nations, the TRS School board feels an obligation, in lieu of the immediate availability of their parents/guardians in their daily lives, to provide an avenue for these students to gain knowledge about their cultures, languages, and ideologies; and
- WHEREAS,** it is recognized that TRS students come from various tribal backgrounds and a culture-based curriculum to be developed would, therefore, be inclusive and involve learning from stories, history, science, health, family social protocols, natural resources, and other areas of study; and
- WHEREAS,** Ramon Riley, TRS School Board member and Culture Resource Director of the Nohwike' Bagowah Museum, Fort Apache, has a longstanding cooperative relationship with our school, and also chairs a Cultural Advisory Board, one of whom has experience and educational qualifications to assist TRS in the development of a linguistic and cultural; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and Michael E. Brock, Principal, of the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School at Fort Apache, Arizona, therefore seeks approval to hire and provide a stipend compensation on an as-needed basis for a qualified member of the cultural Advisory Board to assist TRS teachers to develop a language and cultural knowledge-based curriculum to be incorporated in school subject areas.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache that it hereby approves the hiring of a cultural curriculum developer to assist the TRS teachers and to set terms of contract on fiscal compensation to be identified from the school's funds.

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.

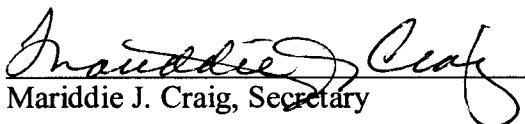
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign.

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 2, 2013** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** 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), (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

10/8/13
Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

10/07/2013
Date