



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

---

## **Resolution No. 10-2013-201**

**( Honoring Captain David Ivan Kessay and Authorizing Burial Expenses )**

**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; and

**WHEREAS,** it is with great sorrow that the Council must announce that Capt. David Ivan Kessay passed away in Chandler, AZ, on September 6, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** the late Capt. Kessay was a Tribal member who led an extraordinary life and devoted his life serving as a firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Gila River on behalf of his family, Tribe, community and country; and

**WHEREAS,** from all accounts, Capt. Kessay was a model citizen and respected Captain and leader fighting fires for the Gila River Fire Department. He began his career fighting fires with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1985 where he spent the next ten years until he found his home within the Gila River Fire Department in 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** although Capt. Kessay will be sorely missed by his friends, family, and loved ones within the Tribe and Gila River community, he will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** on this day, the Tribal Council wishes to recognize and honor Mr. David Ivan Kessay for his outstanding lifetime achievements and for representing the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a true role model for everyone to be proud of; and

**WHEREAS,** in honor of Capt. David Ivan Kessay, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to recognize and show our respects to David Kessay by covering the Captain's funeral expenses.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay for all expenses associated with Capt. David Ivan Kessay's funeral. Captain Kessay will forever live in our hearts and shall always be remembered for his selfless lifetime achievements and contributions on behalf of his family and Tribe to make the world a better place.


**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 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 **OCTOBER 2, 2013** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for and **ZERO** against and **ONE** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (g), (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

10/7/13  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

10/07/2013  
Date