



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 12-2013-227

(Authorizing a Request for a 30-Day Public Comment Period to be Initiated for the Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 319(a)(1) and (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is required to submit documentation that adequate public notice and opportunity for comment is given for the Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan (WRSP); and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has developed a range of environmental management programs to protect, maintain, and restore its land and waters; and had adopted a permanent Land Restoration Fund ordinance to support restoration efforts in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Water Resources Program has compiled a Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, which has identified priority restoration projects that outline nonpoint source activities and identification of areas of special ecological and community concern; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Water Resources Working Group should undertake public hearings.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Water Resources Program is hereby directed to initiate a 30-day public comment period on the subject of the Tribe's Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 319(a)(1) and (b)(1), and publish a notice of hearing date at the district offices, the Tribal Council Office, the Apache Scout, and on KNNB broadcasts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that notice of any and all public hearings be published at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that after the public hearing date, public comments will be addressed. All proposed modifications to the Watershed Strategic Plan will be presented at a Tribal Council meeting.

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.

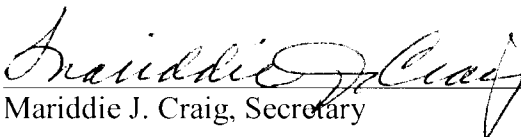
The foregoing resolution was on **DECEMBER 4, 2013** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (s), (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 Lape, Chairman

12/10/13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

12/10/2013

Date