

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Grant Application for Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Project)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted and hereby affirms that all the Tribal programs should make an effort to hire people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Education Department was awarded a Vocational Rehabilitation grant in 2009 to assist the Tribe in employing Tribal members and American Indians from a federally recognized tribe with disabilities residing on or near the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's VR staff served 425 eligible consumers with disabilities and has had successful outcomes with 170 consumers obtaining gainful employment with the Tribe, self employment entrepreneurship, and in the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program expects to continue to serve eligible consumers and plans to compete for the 2014 U.S. Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities grant which will provide Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00) for an additional five (5) years.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the filing of a grant application for Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00) for an additional five (5) years to fund the continuation of the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program and its objectives.

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, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed 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 Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 07-2014-89

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JULY 10, 2014</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against with <u>TWO</u> abstaining by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date