

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amending Budget for the WMAT Office of the Attorney General)

WHEREAS,

on this day, the Attorney General did present a request to the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("WMAT") to amend the Legal Department budget in order to hire an additional Assistant Attorney General, provide support for the Tribal Court while background checks are in progress, and to appropriately adjust salaries to not only be competitive, but also commensurate with experience, responsibilities, and the overall expectations of the Attorney General and Staff Attorneys; and

WHEREAS.

the Attorney General's Office had received consideration and prior approval by the Tribal Council to increase their budget in years past, but due to unexpected difficulties obtaining the needed signatures to effectively utilize their budget, the Council has decided that now would be an appropriate time to act and approve an increase to adequately fund the Office of the Attorney General, as well as provide assistance for the Tribal Courts; and

WHEREAS,

after considerable discussion and deliberation, the Tribal Council finds it in the Tribe's best interest to fund a critical component (Legal) of the Tribe's infrastructure and one that will allow the Tribe to handle its growing financial and legal needs. Although financially not as extensive as under prior administrations, the Tribal Council believes that by supporting a reasonable budget increase that takes the aforementioned concerns into account, the Tribal Government and greater Tribe are better for it.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes an overall amended budget of \$1,179,712.83, which shall include appropriate adjustments to salaries as determined by the Attorney General and Tribal Council, and funding for the Tribal Court judges that are awaiting their background clearances, and other modifications as necessary that will improve the overall efficiency and functioning of the Tribe's Legal and Justice services.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that the Chairman, Personnel, and other relevant departments recognize the amended budget and cooperate with the Attorney General as he transitions his Department, assists the Courts and Prosecution accordingly.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 25, 2014</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against with <u>ZERO</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

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