## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorization for the Planning Department to prepare and submit an application to renew the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

- 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, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) exists to assist Native American low income households on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in meeting their energy needs, especially during the winter months; and
- WHEREAS, LIHEAP, in previous years, has been administered and operated by the Planning Department; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that renewing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is in the best interest of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Planning Department to prepare and submit an application to renew the LIHEAP program and to continue to administer and operate the LIHEAP program.

**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>SEPTEMBER 15, 2014</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention 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

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

1-18-2014 Date