



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval to Submit Grant Application)

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Program of White Mountain Apache Tribe has been managing the reservations aquatic resources through habitat conservation and sustaining the biological health of fish species; and

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Program management capabilities have created benefits for the Tribe, including ecological, scientific, aesthetic, recreational, social, cultural and economic, however, the value of these benefits are not reflected in the Fisheries Program Budget; and

WHEREAS, due to lack of funding the Fisheries Program has conducted limited surveys in several reaches of streams throughout the reservation. Without comprehensive baseline data, the Fisheries Program lacks important information required to determine species population status and trends or distribution, all critical components needed to guide land management practices, recreation, and restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Program has determined that a comprehensive monitoring project would cost approximately \$286,000.00 and has identified a possible funding source through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribal Wildlife Grant. The proposal project would request \$200,000.00 for a three year timeline; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Fisheries Program efforts to acquiring these funds is in the best interest of the reservations aquatic resources and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Fisheries Program to submit an application for the 2014-15 Tribal Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a three year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Fisheries Program to negotiate the terms of the agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a manner that best supports the interests of the Tribe and its resources, pending final legal review by the Office of Attorney General for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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.

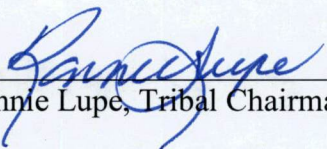
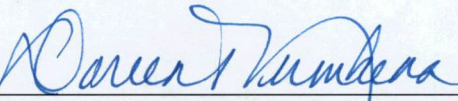

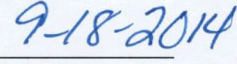
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal

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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 **SEPTEMBER 15, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** abstentions 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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