



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Granting the Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., authority to function on the White Mountain Apache Reservation as a tribally-recognized and approved Not-For-Profit Federally-recognized Arizona Corporation for the benefit of the residents of the White Mountain Apache Tribe)

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (the "Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council, Members and Board of Directors of the Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation and Development Area ("RC&D") desire to work with, through and on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as a non-profit, non-governmental organization ("NGO"); and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D has existed as a recognized NGO in northeastern Arizona since 1968, chartered and authorized under United States Public Law 107-171, for the purpose of serving as an umbrella NGO for community and natural resource development in rural America; and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D desires to expand its service area to include the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D has secured a U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Rural Development ("RD") Rural Business Opportunity Grant ("RBOG") for the Cibecue community and a Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Native American Fund Partnership Grant; and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D desires to apply for, manage, administer and obtain additional grants for natural resources conservation and community development for the White Mountain Apache tribe residents; and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D desires to serve the residents of the White Mountain Apache tribe throughout the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** RC&D has close relationships with major natural resources, conservation and development organizations throughout the State of Arizona, the capacity and desire to submit grants for and on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the needs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in these areas are great and the RC&D desires to coordinate, correlate and cooperate with the White Mountain Apache tribe for the betterment of their residents in the areas of natural resources, community

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development and leadership development through Community Action Teams, a fundamental part of local development.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation and Development Area as a Tribally-recognized NGO authorized to function on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to function in all areas as it heretofore has done since its authorization, organization and inception.

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 **OCTOBER 8, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for and **ZERO** against with **ONE** 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).

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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

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Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date