



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving Data Sharing Efforts Between Tribal Departments and Tribally Affiliated Programs for Strategic Planning efforts related to Substance Abuse)

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**WHEREAS,** alcohol and substance abuse is a significant problem that negatively impacts many individuals, families and organizations on the White Mountain Apache Reservations; and

**WHEREAS,** many Tribal and non-Tribal Programs and Organizations pursue as a primary objective the goal of decreasing substance abuse related problems on the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** many Tribal, Federal, and State Programs, as well as churches and other community entities, maintain data sets about substance abuse in the White Mountain Apache Community that could assist in defining, treating and otherwise responding to problems related to substance abuse on the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe maintains and supports a coalition (the White Mountain Apache Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coalition) of individuals who represent Tribal and non-Tribal Departments, Churches, Law Enforcement Agencies, Counseling Services, Social Services, Health Care Providers, and others that hopes to collect and use data about substance abuse on the reservation to create a strategic plan that will constructively address substance abuse problems; and

**WHEREAS,** the coalition plans to present the findings and policy recommendations resulting from data collection and sharing efforts to the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for consideration and implementation; and

**WHEREAS,** after careful consideration, the Tribal Council has determined that these data sharing efforts are in the best interests of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes any Tribal, State or Federal entity involved in the identification, treatment, or response to substance abuse related problems to release any and all desired information to the coalition for consideration in its strategic planning efforts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the committee to use the information that it receives for strategic planning purposes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the coalition to disclose information that it receives to participants in reservation conference,

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strategic planning meetings, and other forums in a manner that safeguards and maintains the dignity, reputation, and confidentiality of individual Tribal Members and the Tribe as a Community.

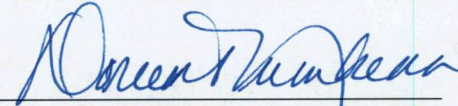
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the coalition is directed to provide a written report to the Tribal Council wherein the coalition shall make known what findings and recommendations have resulted from its strategic planning efforts.

**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 **NOVEMBER 3, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** 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	<u>11/6/14</u> Date	 _____ Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	<u>11-7-2014</u> Date
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