

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Vehicle Purchase for Tribal Forest Ranger Enforcement)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council developed and implemented the Tribe's Natural Resources Code for the development, maintenance, enhancement and protection of the wood lands and forest lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Code includes measures to prevent trespass and respond to activities which violate Tribal law, with the primary responsibility of enforcement vested in the authority of the Tribal Forest Ranger; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forest Ranger exercises this responsibility under the Natural Resources Code throughout the entire Tribal reservation, and yet the sole vehicle assigned for enforcement and patrol purposes has been in use since 2006 and no longer meets basic operational and safety requirements for this responsibility, especially in consideration of extreme conditions and remote locations that must be accessed in the course of the Tribal Forest Ranger's work; and

WHEREAS, a new vehicle is urgently needed to effectively and safely carryout the duties of the Tribal Forest Ranger position at this time during the current wood cutting season; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed two new vehicle bids obtained by Tribal Forest Ranger in order to immediately replace the existing vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that funds for the new vehicle purchase should be budgeted and available from the permit fees the Tribe collections under the authority of Resolution (06-2009-169) for harvesting of wood by Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, that the program generates yearly revenue of approximately \$21,000 in fees which can and should be applied to the purchase of a new vehicle.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the immediate purchase of a new vehicle for Woodlands Enforcement, and directs that revenues generated by wood permitting fees be applied to help offset the costs associated with the vehicle purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Controller and Tribal Treasurer to release funds to cover the amounts required via invoice and other expenses directly related to the purchase of the vehicle authorized herein.

Resolution No. 11-2014-180

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 **FIVE** for and **ZERO** against with **FOUR** 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

Date

Doreen Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date