

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Requesting Federal Financial Assistance and Supporting Building of a New Facility for the John F. Kennedy School in Cedar Creek)

WHEREAS,

the Tribal Council ("Council") of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has heard from the John F. Kennedy School ("School") Board and Principal regarding the School's serious need for new facilities. It is the hope of the Board that with the assistance of the Tribe, that students, teachers and administrators can be rewarded with a school building that everyone can be proud of; and

WHEREAS,

to date, the John F. Kennedy School has been academically successful despite its financial disadvantage, lack of adequate resources, and minimal Federal resources appropriated for the benefit of BIE Schools; and

WHEREAS,

to ensure that White Mountain Apache children can receive a proper and quality education, it is imperative that School and Public Officials support the School's need for a new building and take whatever measures are necessary to achieve that goal. Without a proper facility, it is unfair and extremely difficult to expect excellence from students; teachers are left unmotivated, and recruiting becomes a near impossibility; and

WHEREAS,

the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a proud Tribe with great leaders and a unique history and the Tribe has a relationship with the United States Government that only a handful of Indian Tribes could claim. Setting pride aside, the Tribe recognizes that in times of great need, it is essential to reach out for help if doing otherwise would result in destructive and potentially catastrophic results without soliciting such aid; and

WHEREAS,

the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has considered the needs of the John F. Kennedy School Board and more importantly, those needs of White Mountain Apache students, and for this reason, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache people to request that U.S. Government Officials, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and all other relevant agencies consider legislation that would allocate enough funds to raise a new building for the benefit of the John F. Kennedy School, its teachers and students in order to help provide the growing pool of White Mountain Apache children and young adults with hope for a better future and the strength of a quality education.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests financial assistance from any relevant Federal funding agencies that could allocate enough financial resources to erect a new building and school facility for the benefit of White Mountain Apache Tribal members and students that are enrolled at the John F. Kennedy School. Without adequate funding for new facilities, the Tribe is concerned that White Mountain Apaches could fall further behind in our great struggle to provide quality education and improve our young apaches' ability to grow as individuals and contribute to greater society.

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.

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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 26, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Date

Doreen Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date