



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Assume Management of all WMAT Airport Facilities that fall within the Boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as the Airport Sponsor, has the overall responsibility for providing a safe and efficient operating environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Airport and Cibecue Airport point of contact is currently Colbert Burnette, Engineer for the Tribal Planning Department; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no official Tribal action establishing responsibility to any one entity, department, or person to have authority to govern the operation and use of the airports facilities located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR); and
- WHEREAS,** there currently exists conflict on who has the responsibility of managing and maintaining the Whiteriver airport facility; and
- WHEREAS,** the Division of Transportation, under the direction of the Planning Department, should include the facility within the scope of roads maintenance, as the Whiteriver airport runway is included in the Tribe's roads inventory; and
- WHEREAS,** the Division of Transportation, under the direction of the Planning Department, should seek funds from FAA and ADOT to improve and possibly operate and maintain the facility; and
- WHEREAS,** the Division of Transportation, under the direction of the Planning Department, should implement a schedule of airport user fees that will benefit the airport and Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the income generated from these fees will be retained to manage and maintain the airport facilities and an official designation of responsibility for the airport facilities will be identified; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has reviewed this matter and determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to have the airport facilities to fall under the authority of the Division of Transportation, a subordinate division of the Planning Department.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that for all the reasons set forth above, it hereby designates and directs all airport facilities to be under the authority of the Division of Transportation, a subordinate division of the Planning Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Division of Transportation, a subordinate division of the Planning Department to seek funding from all potential sources to help operate, maintain, and improve the airport facilities.

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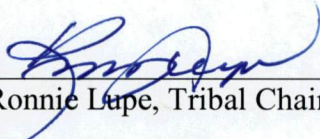
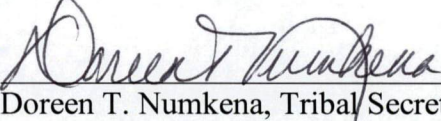
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Division of Transportation, under the direction of the Planning Department to create a Plan of Operations and construct a fee schedule for all possible airport user fees that will offset the costs of maintaining, operating, and managing the airport facilities.

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 **MAY 18, 2015** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstention 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>5/27/15</u> Date	 _____ Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	<u>5-27-2015</u> Date
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