

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Support SCAT Effort to Repeal §3003)

WHEREAS, the Arizona Southeast Land Exchange Act, pursuant to S. 3003, of the FY2015 National Defense Authorization Act, seeks to transfer Oak Flat, a sacred Apache site located in the Tonto National Forest, to a private foreign owned mining company which would destroy the sacred area of many Native Tribes; and

WHEREAS, on this day, Tribal Leaders of the San Carlos Apache Tribe require the support and assistance of the White Mountain Apache Tribal government to thwart the potential destruction of sacred Tribal lands, and the otherwise taking of natural resources belonging to San Carlos' (not State) interests; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to support San Carlos, and the effort to repeal the Arizona Southeast Land Exchange Act, S. 3003, the WMAT must show its via Resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and supports of the San Carlos Apache Tribes' resolution to repeal S. 3003

**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 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 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 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 <u>AUGUST 5, 2015</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date