



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(**Authorize Assistant Attorney General to attend ICWA Hearings**)

WHEREAS, Congress, working with tribal nations, tribal leadership, and advocates for American Indian/Alaska Native children (AI/AN), passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to stop the wholesale removal of Indian children by public and private agencies, taking 25–35% of all Indian children from their homes, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has supported ICWA as an essential and effective policy that protects the best interest of AI/AN children; and

WHEREAS, early application and consistent compliance with ICWA prevents unlawful removals of AI/AN children from family and promotes stable placements for AI/AN children in loving, permanent homes, connected to family and culture; and

WHEREAS, full implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act requires inquiry into the child's Indian ancestry, notice to tribes, active efforts to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family, a high standard of proof based on testimony of a qualified expert witness before removal or termination of parental rights, and placement preferences with Indian families or other tribal families, and provisions for exclusive tribal jurisdiction and intervention; and

WHEREAS, a renewed commitment to full implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act will result in the preservation of the rights, culture, connections, and traditions of Indian children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is concerned with protecting the health and welfare of its Apache children and recognizes that it is critical for the protection of its Apache children to authorize Assistant Attorney General, Kimberly Cromwell, to travel and attend ICWA hearings off the reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Assistant Attorney General, Kimberly Cromwell, to travel and attend ICWA hearings off the reservation.

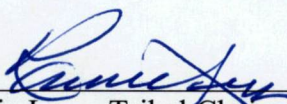
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

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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 that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

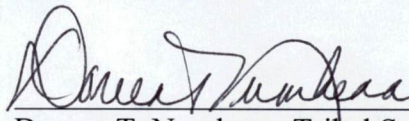
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 8, 2015 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ONE 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

8-1-2016