

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Planning Department to use funding from the Carbon Credits Project to create a Master Plan)

- WHEREAS, the Planning Department intends to create a Master Plan that will guide and direct the course of the economic development of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS, the Planning Department has identified the communities in and around Whiteriver, Hondah and Sunrise Park Resort to include in the Master Plan; and,
- WHEREAS, creation of the Master Plan entails extensive and exhaustive activities, including feasibility studies and market research, that will require a leading team with expert levels of knowledge, experience, and training; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Department has the necessary knowledge, experience, and training in-staff to lead and conduct the activities that are entailed in the creation of the Master Plan; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Carbon Credits Project provides funding for activities that benefit the Tribe through economic development; and,
- WHEREAS, the Planning Department intends to use funding from the Carbon Credits Project for all costs associated with the creation of a Master Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Planning Department to lead all efforts to create a Master Plan and use funding from the Carbon Credits Project to support any and all activities associated with the creation of the Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Treasurer to cooperate with the Planning Department in all financial matters related to use of Carbon Credits Project funding to support the creation of an economic development Master Plan.

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 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 <u>FEBRUARY 17, 2016</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>TWO</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

Ooreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date