



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(**Withdrawing Request for Secretarial Election**)

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Tribal Council("Council") of the White Mountain Apache Tribe("Tribe") passed a resolution requesting a Secretarial Election to consider amending the Tribal Constitutional blood quantum requirement for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Council did discuss concerns that the Secretarial Election of 2016, that would amend the Constitutional blood quantum requirement to 1/8th if passed, has been a disorganized process at best and the issue too important to address without considerable planning and community education and involvement in the process; and

WHEREAS, members of Council are concerned that not enough time has been provided to adequately educate Tribal members on the benefits and consequences associated with amending the Constitution in this manner, and the rules under which the election would be held; and

WHEREAS, additionally, not all members of the current Council administration are in agreement with prior Council administrations on whether the blood quantum requirement of the Tribal Constitution should be amended to the 1/8th degree or whether the question is even appropriate for a Secretarial Election; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons discussed herein, the Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache people to withdraw the Tribe's request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election that would amend the Constitutional blood quantum requirement for Tribal enrollment to 1/8th if passed.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby withdraws its 2013 request for a Secretarial Election that would allow Tribal members to vote on amending the Constitutional blood quantum requirement to 1/8th degree for enrollment.

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.

Resolution No. 06-2016-129

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 8, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ONE** against, and **ZERO** 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).

Ronny Lupe / Act'g 6-9-16 Doreen T. Numkena 6/9/2016
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date