

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Hiring Bernie Santa Maria as Grant Writer)

WHEREAS,

members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have been advised that the Planning Department continues to operate without a grant writer. Recently, the Planning Director was terminated and a new Acting Director, Mr. Colbert Burnette, has been granted those responsibilities in the interim, while the WMAT advertises the position in hopes of hiring a newly qualified individual for the position; and

WHEREAS,

after consideration and deliberation by members of the governing body, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the WMAT to hire a qualified previous employee of the WMAT Planning Department, Tribal member Bernie Santa Maria, to serve as a grant writer under the supervision of the new Planning Director, who will be given the discretion to negotiate a contract or part or full-time employment status for no less than 90 days in order to work on grants that the WMAT may be eligible for.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Acting Planner hire Bernie Santa Maria as a Grant Writer for no less than 90 days. The Planning Director shall have discretion to negotiate terms, provided the employment is for no less than 90 days, and may be contracted, part-time or full-time, depending on the availability of the employee.

**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 <u>AUGUST 22, 2016</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against with <u>ONE</u> abstaining 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

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