

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(White Mountain Regional University)

- WHEREAS, each year, several highly-skilled students graduate from Alchesay High School and many of these students pursue higher education in locations far from their homes, and the rising cost of such education represents a growing financial burden on the student their families; and
- WHEREAS, the opportunity to obtain a four year college education could serve to retain many of these students in the local community at a lower cost and the community would benefit from the talents and labor of college-educated persons in general; and
- WHEREAS, our local tourism economy would benefit from a pool of educated persons to draw on for seasonal employments and the region would also benefit from a resident campus which would help attract other employers to the area and create job opportunities for many; and
- WHEREAS, the prospect of attracting such an institution has been discussed for several years and other communities in the region might benefit proportionately from the presence of a certified educational institution in cooperation with existing schools; and
- WHEREAS, the cost of developing this institution would be substantially offset by the positive economic impact it would have on the region; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concurs that the presence of a four year degree granting institution of higher education would create a valuable contribution to the community.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and supports the future development of the White Mountain Regional University.
- **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.

Resolution No. <u>11-2016-228</u>

The foregoing resolution was on **NOVEMBER 3, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** 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).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date