



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## ( Request for Removal of Superintendent Nona Tuchawena )

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**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has constitutional and inherent authority over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a Trust responsibility to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has previously passed Resolutions 01-2010-22 and 05-2011-100, both requesting in clear terms that the BIA remove Superintendent Tuchawena and replace her with a more qualified individual; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau has failed to act on either of these prior resolutions or address the issues raised in them and has allowed Ms. Tuchawena to continue her tenure as Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has again met and discussed the performance of Ms. Tuchawena and her role as Superintendent of the Fort Apache Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that they lack confidence in the leadership of Ms. Tuchawena, both because of past performance and current failures; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council demands that the needs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe be addressed in a prompt and responsible manner.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby formally requests, for the third time, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, whether through its Western Region Director Brian Bowker, or by another agent immediately remove Nona Tuchawena from her position as Superintendent of the Fort Apache Agency and reassign her off of the Reservation by the end of July 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, whether through its Western Region Director or another agent immediately assign a new Superintendent to the Fort Apache Agency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes that the new Superintendent be well equipped to understand and help manage the vast Timber resources of the Tribe and be able to communicate and work with the Tribe in a productive manner.

**Resolution No. 07-2017-173**


**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 **JULY 12, 2017** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman      7-20-17  
Date

  
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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      7-20-17  
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