



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

## **A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

### **( Indian Health Service Whiteriver Service Unit Replacement )**

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe takes medical and health services on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation seriously; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council regularly supports Tribal initiatives aimed at improving service offerings to Tribal members on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports the Indian Health Service (“IHS”) in their development of a Program Justification Document and Program of Requirements for the replacement of the existing IHS Whiteriver Health Care Facility and the construction of additional staff quarters; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes the need for a new Health Care Facility and the importance of providing a site for the proposed Health Care Compound; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is asked to consider endorsement of three potentially viable parcels, of which one will be selected for the replacement facility, additional quarters, parking and service roads; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is asked to grant IHS and contractors with access to said parcels for the purpose of assessment and evaluation in accordance with the IHS Technical Handbook for Environmental Health and Engineering Volume II Health Care Facilities Planning, Phase I and Phase II site selection and Evaluation Reports; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to support IHS in the replacement of its current Health Care Compound and associated amenities, by designating three potentially viable parcels for the Replacement Facility and authorizing IHS and contractors access to each parcel to perform sufficient assessment and evaluation for site selection; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has previously provided Four sites as potential replacements but after significant community input, has determined that different sites should be evaluated; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires a broad representation of Tribal interests in the collaboration with IHS and shall designate several Tribal representatives to assist with the evaluation and site visits.

**Resolution No. 10-2017-232**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the submission of the following parcels as potential sites for the replacement of the existing IHS Health Care Compound:

1. Approximately 300 acres in the Canyon Day Area North of the intersection of the Kinishba and Rifle Range roads.
2. Approximately 300 acres in the Canyon Day Area directly North of the community of Canyon Day towards Bear Canyon.
3. The current Indian Health Service location North of Whiteriver with an additional 60-70 acres added for staff housing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates Colbert Burnette, Tribal Planning Director; Tara Chief, Tribal Transportation Director; and Brando Pusher, of the Tribe's Hydrology Office to act as the Tribe's representatives on the IHS evaluation and site selection process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that this project shall be subject to Real Estate, Land Board, Legal, any additional necessary review before final Tribal Council approval.

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 4, 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

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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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