

RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Government Code of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Chapter 3, Section 3.2.1, creates a Tribal Election Commission comprised of six members and three alternates appointed by the Tribal Council, which Commission is responsible for administering all elections of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and serves for a term extending from the day of appointment until six months following the general election or for such term as extended by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Election Commission is currently comprised of the following individuals:
1. Hedy Beatty
  2. Anthony Cooley
  3. Mariddie J. Craig
  4. Myrna Hillyard
  5. Vigil Kessay
  6. Paul Kuehl
- WHEREAS, the term of the Election Commission has now expired and it is the decision of the Tribal Council to extend the present Commissions' term and reappoint the Commission members currently serving to a term extending through the 1990 General Tribal Election; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, by prior Resolution No. 86-226 expressed the need for a complete review of the Constitution and Bylaws of the White Mountain Apache Tribe with the objective of proposing a complete revision of the Constitution in order to strengthen the sovereign powers of the Tribe and allow the Constitution to be more responsive to the values of the people of the Tribe, and the Council by that resolution directed the Election Commission to review the Constitution and suggest proposed revisions for consideration by the Tribal Council and eventual submission to the membership of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and this responsibility as given to the Election Commission is not yet complete but is in progress; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council continues to hold the view that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution should be completely reviewed and revised and that such a revision is in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby extends the term of the existing Election Commission and reappoints those members to a term extending through the 1990 Tribal General Election. The members of the Commission shall be as follows:

1. Hedy Beatty
2. Anthony Cooley
3. Mariddie J. Craig
4. Myrna Hillyard
5. Vigil Kessay
6. Paul Kuehl

Mr. Scott Canty of the Legal Department shall continue to serve as the Commission's legal advisor and the following alternates are appointed to the Commission to serve in the absence of Commission members or in conjunction with the entire Commission when necessary:

1. Vonda Clarkson
2. John Pacheco

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Election Commission is hereby given the responsibility of assisting the White Mountain Apache Tribe in revising its Constitution. More specifically, the Election Commission shall effect a complete review of the Constitution and Bylaws of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, analyzing the Constitution to discover its strengths and weaknesses, to remove those clauses which impose unnecessary burdens upon the sovereign activities of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, to strengthen the system of government exercised by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and to otherwise do all things necessary to propose a Constitution which will be more fully in keeping with the expressed desires of the White Mountain Apache people and the sovereign powers and authority of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the exercise of our inherent right of self-government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Election Commission should make every effort to formalize and submit to the Tribal Council the proposed changes in the Constitution at the earliest possible date, but no later than April 1, 1989 in order that public hearings may be held on the proposed changes no later than the summer of 1989 and a secretarial election scheduled for as soon thereafter as is feasible. The Commission shall

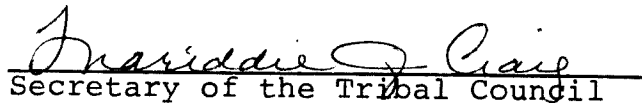
periodically consult with the Tribal Council and keep the Council fully informed of their efforts and any problems which might arise.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Election Commission is authorized to continue utilizing funds from the Election Commission budget for purposes of carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to the Government Code and its responsibilities in relation to a complete revision of the Tribal Constitution.

The foregoing resolution was on November 10, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1(i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

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