

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

- WHEREAS, many tribal members require emergency funding to assist them in unanticipated situations that arise as a result of family problems such as illness. hospitalization, and funerals; and
- WHEREAS, an important priority of the Tribal Council is to assist disadvantaged tribal members during these critical times; and
- WHEREAS, the immediate concerns, financial condition, and family situations are often best recognized and understood by the Tribal Council member from a tribal member's district; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Council members lack the personal financial resources to provide assistance often required by their tribal member constituents; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman has suggested and the Tribal Council concurs that emergency funding in the amount of \$2,000 each be made available to the nine members of the Tribal Council for emergency assistance for tribal members from each councilmember's respective district; and
- WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish certain guidelines for the distribution of said emergency funds so as to provide the most good for the greatest number of persons in need; and
- WHEREAS, it has been the past policy of the Tribe that said emergency funding shall not be utilized to pay for utility and light bills, groceries or any outstanding debts.
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the establishment of an emergency assistance line item in the amount of \$2,000 for each Tribal Council member to provide emergency assistance for tribal members that a Council member considers to be in need of such assistance regardless of political preferences, provided that this budget arrangement in future years will depend on the availability of tribal funding for this function.

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