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

- WHEREAS, Gila County is subject to the bilingual election requirement of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which includes San Carlos, Fort Apache and Tonto reservations; and
- WHEREAS, the Gila County election precinct jurisdiction covers San Carlos, Carrizo, Canyon Day, and a portion of Payson #2; and
- WHEREAS, the latest census data confirms that there is a significant number of eligible voters in these communities with limited English proficiency who require information and assistance in their native language allowing them to participate effectively in the election process; and
- WHEREAS, Gila County, in compliance with the Voting Right Act, opened, posted and filled the position of a Voter Outreach Assistant; and
- WHEREAS, a San Carlos tribal member has been hired to fill the position of Voter Outreach Assistant whose responsibility it will be to develop, implement, and maintain a successful voter education program; and
- WHEREAS, the Gila County Division of Elections under the authority of the Gila County Board of Supervisors, is desirous to provide verbal Apache language information and written English information to tribal members about voter registration, elections, and voting.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recognizes the Gila County Voter Outreach Program and supports the efforts of a voter education program by granting permission for classroom training on the reservation, the circulation of election and voter registration materials, and the participation in various tribal related activities.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Gila County Division of Elections will provide advance written notice when scheduling Voter Outreach activities on the reservation.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that any individuals or political party members involved in voter registration or election activities on the reservation shall follow all tribal ordinances.

Resolution No. <u>11-2003-269</u>

The foregoing resolution was on November 14, 2003, 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council