



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

(Reappointment of Reno Johnson, Sr., District IV Council Member as the Chairman of the Local Emergency Response Commission)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) 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 to appoint Tribal officials to committees; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution, the Tribal Council has established a Local Emergency Response Commission ("LERC") to assist with managing natural or man-made emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Public Safety has prepared an organizational chart for the LERC, as attached and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Director of DPC also requests authority to utilize any and all communications equipment necessary for the coordination of a LERC response to an emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, in order for the LERC to provide effective and coordinated responses to emergencies and disasters, administration of the LERC requires that the LERC Chairman be experienced in public safety and the handling of local emergencies and disasters in order to act as the Incident Commander; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Reno Johnson, Sr. has served as a former Chief of Police and during his services as the District IV Tribal Council Member he has served successfully as the LERC Chairman for nearly four years following the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council understands that in order to protect lives and property of the members and visitors of the WMAT and to assure Public Safety it is critical that Reno Johnson, Sr. be reappointed as the Chairman of the Tribe's Emergency Response Commission effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the appointment of Reno Johnson, Sr. to the position of Chairman of the LERC is in the best interest of the LERC and the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, recent heavy precipitation and flooding have created the potential for natural emergency and/or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the potential for disasters necessitates consideration of this matter by the Tribal Council outside of its regularly scheduled meetings on an urgent basis; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by and through the Fort Apache Agency, should be apprised of the Tribe's LERC and coordinate BIA resources upon request of the LERC Incident Commander.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. Reno Johnson, Sr. is hereby appointed as Chairman of the Tribe's LERC, effective immediately, and the LERC Chairman is hereby authorized to act as incident commander or designate an appropriate public safety professional at his discretion.
2. The organization chart for the LERC, as attached and incorporated by this reference, is hereby approved, and the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to act as Incident Commander for the LERC.
3. The Director of Public Safety is further authorized to utilize any and all communications equipment necessary for the coordination of a LERC response to an emergency or disaster.
4. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairwoman, is hereby directed to apprise the BIA of the Tribe's LERC and request that the BIA coordinate resources upon request of the LERC Incident Commander.
5. Reno Johnson, Sr. hereby has the authority, in the case of a natural or man-made emergency, to act as the Incident Commander or, at his discretion, appoint an individual who is an experienced Public Safety Professional to perform this task.

The foregoing resolution was on August 8, 2006 duly adopted by a vote of Eight for and Zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe 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).


Margaret Baker
for Chairman of the Tribal Council

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ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council


Resolution No. 08-2006-265

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. 08-2006-265 dated the 8th day of August 2006.


Ronnie Lupe
Tribal Chairman
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE



Margaret Baha-Walker
Vice Chairwoman
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE



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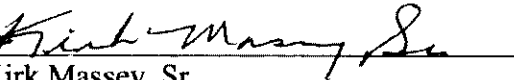


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ATTEST:

ACTING 

Cyndy R. Harvey, Tribal Council Secretary
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE