



Resolution No. 09-2006-298

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

**(Directing Suspension of Doreen Gatewood Without Pay, Return Tribal Property and  
Directing the Tribal Manager to Undertake an Investigation of Grants  
Managed by Ms. Gatewood)**

**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

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources this day presented information regarding grants managed by Doreen Gatewood, Director of Environmental Planning, namely the Clean Water Act Competitive Grant, the EPA General Assistance Program and the Land Restoration Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director had suspended Ms. Gatewood on or about August 21, 2006, and subsequently attempted termination; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject grants do not allow administrative leave with pay; and

**WHEREAS**, various documents were presented by the Executive Director and the Office of Grants and Contracts concerning matters handled by Ms. Gatewood, including program narrative reports, work plans, and expenditures, as well as the ability of the Office of Grants and Contracts to effectively monitor grant compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal General Manager has oversight of the various departments of the Tribe, pursuant to Resolution No. 08-2006-272; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that the allegations are serious and require a full and fair investigation within five working days, that Ms. Gatewood should be suspended without pay owing to the terms and conditions of the grants that pay her salary until such time as an investigation may be completed, that all property of the Tribe in Ms. Gatewood's possession should be returned to the Executive Director of Natural Resources, and that the Tribal General Manager should submit a written report on the matters handled by Ms. Gatewood.

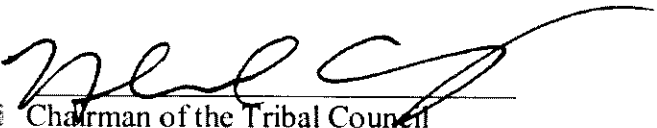
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

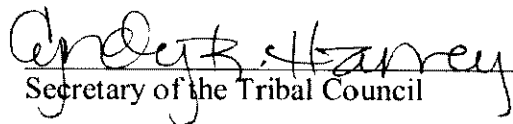
1. The Tribal General Manager is hereby directed to coordinate with the Office of Grants and Contracts, the Office of Personnel, the Controller and the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources, investigate the allegations presented, and submit a written report within five working days of the date of this Resolution.

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2. Doreen Gatewood is hereby suspended without pay until such time as an investigation may be completed and the Tribal Council decides what further personnel action may be appropriate.
3. Ms. Gatewood is further directed to return all property of the Tribe in her possession to the custody and care of the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources.
4. Upon receipt of the written report from the Tribal General Manager, the Chairman of the Tribal Council and/or other members of the Tribal Council, pursuant to their authority under the Constitution (Article XIII, Sec. 3), shall determine whether there shall be a special session of the Tribal Council to further evaluate the matters raised today and by the report and so advise the Tribal Council Secretary.

The foregoing resolution was on September 12, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (f), (h), (j), (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).

  
ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council