



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

(Directing Chief Financial Officer be Placed on Administrative Leave With Pay Pending an Investigation)

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 Tribe's Budget and Finance Committee did this day present concerns on the accuracy of financial data and the financial statement provided by the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"); and

WHEREAS, certain further allegations were made concerning the propriety of the CFO's work including: (1) whether the Fort Apache Timber Company employs Ms. Begay through a contract for financial consulting; (2) whether Ms. Begay's work for FATCO is in conflict with the duties and responsibilities the CFO has to the Tribe; (3) whether Ms. Begay's rent free living accommodations at Sunrise Ski Resort is a conflict of interest; (4) whether Ms. Begay has remote access to the Tribe's financial information residing on the Tribe's servers; and (5) whether the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is an accurate forecast of revenues and expenses; and

WHEREAS, neither the CFO or the Chief Accountant were available this day to answer questions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the allegations raised herein to be especially troubling and that an investigation should be immediately undertaken.

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

1. The CFO is hereby placed on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the investigation described herein. In the interim, the Chief Accountant is hereby appointed Acting CFO.
2. The Legal Department, together with the Chief of Government Services and the Tribe's Budget Specialist are hereby directed to undertake an investigation into the following matters: (1) a determination as to whether the Fort Apache Timber Company employs Ms. Begay through a contract for financial consulting; (2) whether Ms. Begay's work for FATCO is in conflict with the duties and responsibilities the CFO has to the Tribe; (3) whether Ms. Begay's rent free living accommodations at Sunrise Ski Resort is a conflict of interest; (4) whether Ms. Begay has remote access to the Tribe's financial information residing on the Tribe's servers; and (5) whether the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is an accurate forecast of revenues and expenses Financial Information or whether financial statements provided to the Budget and Finance Committee by the CFO provide an accurate, verifiable statement of the Tribe's financial status as recorded within the J.D. Edwards AS-400 system.

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3. During the investigation described herein, the Legal Department and the Chief of Government Services are directed to report to the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman of the Tribal Council. Within thirty days of the date of this resolution, a written report of findings shall be submitted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman for their recommendations to the Tribal Council, which shall be made at the regularly scheduled meeting following submission of the report.
4. Yvette Yazzie, the Tribe's Budget Specialist, is hereby directed to reconcile all budgets submitted to and approved by the Tribal Council, and explain the differences that may have occurred between the financial statements submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee by the CFO during that period, as well as the Tribal Council, as compared to the data that exists within the J.D. Edwards AS400 system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against with TWO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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