



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

(Authorizing Establishment of White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council)

- 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,** First Things First is a program funded by the State of Arizona through the Early Childhood Development and Health Fund (the "AZECDH"), and was originally established through passage of Proposition 203 in 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** the program aims to improve the health and school readiness for all children ages 0-5 years old, while also improving education and access to childcare services for their parents; and
- WHEREAS,** the AZECDH Board established voluntary Regional Partnership Councils to maximize the ability of First Things First to collaborate with other service systems, planning regions, and local governments to maximize beneficial outcomes for children within the Council boundaries; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council is made up of eleven individuals, of which the requirement for membership includes parents, early care and education, health, education, the faith-based community, business, philanthropy, and three at-large seats
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe may elect to have its tribal lands treated as a separate region by the First Things First State Board; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council would have the responsibility for conducting a needs and assets assessment that will identify the assets available for early childhood development and health programs within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and, based upon that information, identify and prioritize unmet needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of its enrolled member children and their parents to form their own Regional Partnership Council within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in order to maximize benefits available through First Things First; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council further finds that First Things First and the White Mountain Apache Tribe should work in collaboratively to provide increased services and access to early childhood care, as well as for the purpose to increase early childhood education opportunities within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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

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1. First Things First is hereby authorized to assist with the formation of an independent Regional Partnership Council for the White Mountain Apache Tribe within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
2. The White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council is hereby established and is further authorized to undertake any and all activities necessary to provide services and access to early childhood care.
3. The authorization provided herein recognizes that:
 - a. Any and all funds for First Things First projects on the Reservation will be recommended by the Regional Partnership Council to the State Board for final approval;
 - b. All funds for First Things First projects will be managed through the First Things First State office; and
 - c. All hiring decisions for First Things First projects will be conducted solely by the First Things First State office.
 - d. WMARPC shall regularly report to the Tribal Council on its activities.
4. The authorizations provided herein require the appropriate and reasonable coordination by either First Things First or the White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council with those early childhood care programs and applicable advisory boards, committees or commissions currently in operation by the Tribe or otherwise appointed by the Tribal Council.

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 document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on June 24, 2008, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and 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), (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