



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

(OPPOSING SLOT MACHINES AT RACETRACKS)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) 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,** Tribal gaming revenues fund Tribal housing, health clinics, HeadStart facilities, college scholarships, fire and police departments, youth recreation facilities and programs, mental health programs, and other programs and services that directly and significantly improve the health, safety, and welfare of the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the voters of Arizona in 2002 approved Proposition 202 and adopted the current Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts (Gaming Compacts), which among other things, authorized tribes to exclusively conduct certain types of gaming in a well-regulated manner and with limitations on gaming locations and the amount of gaming activities; and
- WHEREAS,** also in 2002, the voters overwhelmingly defeated Proposition 201 which would have allowed licensed racetracks to operate slot machines; and
- WHEREAS,** in exchange for the exclusive right to conduct certain gaming activities, the White Mountain Apache Tribe agreed in the Gaming Compact to share a percentage of the revenue generated from Tribal gaming with the State and local governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has worked to implement the Gaming Compacts with the State of Arizona on a government-to-government basis; and
- WHEREAS,** under the Compacts, from State fiscal year 2004 through January 27, 2009, the Arizona Tribes, including the White Mountain Apaches, have also contributed \$436,630,146.09 in Tribal gaming revenues to the Arizona Benefits Fund, which provides educational funding that is distributed to every school district in Arizona, trauma and emergency service funding administered by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), tourism funding administered by the State Office of Tourism, wildlife conservation funding, problem gambling funding, and funding for the Arizona Department of Gaming's regulatory and administrative costs; and
- WHEREAS,** during the same period, and in accordance with the Gaming Compacts, Arizona tribes, including the White Mountain Apaches, have contributed an additional \$47,328,847.91 to Arizona cities, towns, and counties for government services that benefit the general public; and

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- WHEREAS,** the voter-approved Gaming Compacts also include a provision that would allow unlimited Tribal gaming and eliminate revenue sharing if Arizona State law changes to allow any other non-tribal entities to operate slot machines; and
- WHEREAS,** such a reduction would virtually eliminate gaming revenues allocated to Arizona school districts, trauma and emergency services, tourism, and wildlife conservation; and
- WHEREAS,** there is now under consideration a legislative effort by the racetracks which would allow the racetracks to operate slot machines, contrary to the will of the voters in 2002 and which would trigger the Gaming Compact provisions allowing for unlimited Tribal gaming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports the Tribe's exclusive right to conduct limited and well-regulated gaming on Indian lands and thereby opposes any legislative effort to allow racetracks or any other non-tribal entity to operate slot machines in Arizona.

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 April 6, 2009, 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), (g), (i), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council