

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

(Approving USDA Grant Application For Broadband Internet Development)

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 White Mountain Apache Tribe considers the advancement of technological infrastructure on

the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as critical to social and economic development; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists an opportunity for the Tribe to apply for federal funding through the Rural

Utilities Service Broadband Infrastructure Program, provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), that would enable the Tribe to offer broadband services to every home,

business and governmental agency on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that the Business, Economic and Development group discussed the

federal grant application process with Next Level Solutions and the company is prepared to assist in preparing and submitting a grant application with long-term aspirations of working

with the Tribe on developing its technological infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges the increasing need for broadband Internet service on the

Reservation and believes it is in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize an application with the USDA for federal funding through the aforementioned Broadband Infrastructure Program.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Tribe's application with the USDA for federal funding under the Rural Utilities Service Broadband Infrastructure program and further authorizes Next Level Solutions to assist in preparing and submitting the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribe will enter good-faith negotiations with Next Level Solutions to ensure that the business interests of the Tribe and company are both met.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that in the event of any inconsistency between this Resolution and any prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 <u>July 16, 2009</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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), (i), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Counci