



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

**(Supporting Elections Commission Amendment of Absentee Voting Procedures)**

**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,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is preparing for the 2010 Primary and General Elections and the Council supports the Elections Commission's effort to streamline the absentee voting process and reduce administrative overhead that plagued the Tribe in years past; and

**WHEREAS,** the Elections Commissions met on October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns of voting irregularities and general concerns of fairness, as well as perceived impropriety stemming from absentee ballots that disproportionately favored one candidate over another; and

**WHEREAS,** to eliminate the likelihood of candidates abusing the absentee voting system, and therefore, unreasonably taxing the Elections Commission during the Primary and General Election, the Elections Commission recommends that its procedures for casting absentee ballots be amended; and

**WHEREAS,** the Elections Commission unanimously agrees that the solution to past abuses of the absentee voting system is to amend its procedures so that all absentee ballots are required to be mailed out to voters and may no longer be picked up at the Tribal Headquarters as previously allowed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize the Elections Commission to determine the appropriate method for handling absentee ballots so that even the appearance of impropriety or the possibility of creating unnecessary additional work for the Elections Commission is eliminated.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Elections Commission to amend its voting procedures regarding absentee ballots, as long as voter rights are not substantially impaired and after the 2010 General Elections are conducted, the Elections Commission shall report to the Tribal Council with an assessment of the impact of this change to determine whether procedures should be further amended for the purposes described hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

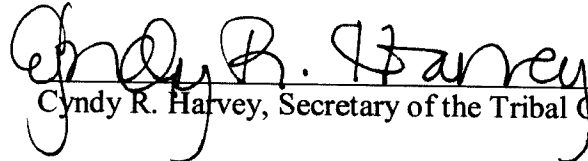
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Resolution No. 10-2009-347**

The foregoing resolution was on October 26, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and TWO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).



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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



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Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council