



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

**(Designating Panel of Elders to Test Apache Fluency for Election)**

**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,** in order to preserve the culture, the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe requires that a candidate for Tribal Council be fluent in the Apache language; and

**WHEREAS,** in the event that a question is raised as to fluency of a candidate running for Tribal Council office, Election Code, Chapter 4, Section 4.8 (page 11) requires that the Tribal Council designate a group of elders to determine if the candidate(s) in question meet the Apache fluency requirement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Election Commission recommends the Tribal Council designate a group of three to five elders to conduct informal interviews with select candidates to determine whether they are qualified to run during the upcoming election; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to designate the following Tribal Members to serve on a panel to determine the fluency of select candidates:

1. Wesley Loas
2. Judy Dehose
3. Harry Stover, Jr.
4. Trudy Zospah
5. Effie Wright

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates the following Tribal Members to a panel that shall determine whether select candidates meet the Constitutional requirement of Apache Fluency for the upcoming election:

1. Wesley Loas
2. Judy Dehose
3. Harry Stover, Jr.
4. Trudy Zospah
5. Effie Wright

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the Election Commission to present any candidates where a question has been raised as to fluency to the panel so that they may make a final determination as to Apache fluency.

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

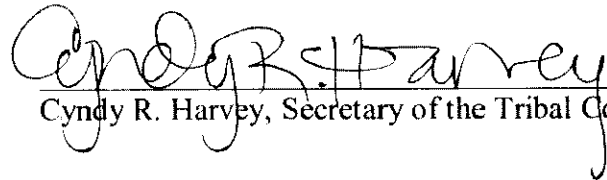
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on December 22, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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), (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