

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

(Approval of a Partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2010 Count)

- 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 next Decennial Census will be taken in the year 2010, and political representation in the United States House of Representatives, State Legislatures, and Local Governments are determined by the Decennial Census;
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes the importance of accurately accounting for all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the 2010 Census Count; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal government has agreed to partner with the United States Census Bureau in an effort to facilitate the Bureau's ability to collect the demographic information that it needs; and
- WHEREAS, the US Department of Commerce's Census Bureau has encountered challenges in obtaining a full accounting of the American Indian/Alaska Native population on tribal lands, as well as urban and rural areas in years past while conducting Decennial Census population counts; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes the importance of collecting this information to accurately reflect the demographic information of residents on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of this Census is to ensure the collection of accurate information and population count which will establish a validated statistical profile of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to all Federal Agencies and Department; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's goal is to encourage the participation of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and reassure Tribal Members that they will not be penalized for providing information to the Census Bureau as each Census worker is bound by a confidentiality notice, and
- whereas, the White Mountain Apache Tribe can utilize this information to "shape the future of our tribal community, define our voice in Congress and impact economic development and other opportunities for our tribal members so the Census data can assist tribal leaders in planning decisions about economic development projects and community service programs," (www.census.gov/2010Census); and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to support the efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve a true and accurate picture of the demographics of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the United States Department of Commerce's Census Bureau's efforts conducted on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the purpose of achieving the most accurate demographic information possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby encourages the White Mountain Apache people and residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to actively participate in this census count by providing survey information with full knowledge that people will not be penalized for providing information to the Census Bureau, per US Code Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that its entities shall partner with the United States Census Bureau by offering locations for testing, orientations, job training, and/or census survey collection centers and may provided available space for use during set dates and times needed by the Census Staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the duties of the Tribal Government's appointed Tribal Liaison, Melissa Bonney, including her efforts to conduct educational outreach to promote the Census and its purpose, assisting the Census Bureau Recruiting Assistant with job seeking individuals and setting up a "Complete Count Campaign Committee" to assist in executing the goals laid out in this Resolution for the benefit of the entire community in order to best provide direction to the Census Bureau during its visit to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs 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 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 <u>January 14, 2010</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</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), (r), (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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

Chairman of the