

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

(Approving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Plan)

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 federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program, a federally funded social services assistance program; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has administered a TANF program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economic Security Family Assistance Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Division of Social Services ("WMAT-DSS") presented its plan to the Tribal Council for administering the Tribe's TANF program for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2013 (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides for application and processing, eligibility, payment of benefits, time limits for receiving benefits, work requirements, support services, dispute resolution, fiscal accountability, data collection and reporting, retrocession and holidays; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT-DSS has provided the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with an opportunity to comment on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, the Tribal Council finds the Plan to be in the best interest of the Tribe as it provides much needed assistance to Tribal Members in need of such financial assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the newly submitted TANF plan and authorizes its execution for the period beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2013, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Division of Social Services is hereby authorized to update and modify the plan as needed, provided that any substantive changes are subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council.

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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 documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>FEBRUARY 23, 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), (i), (k), (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

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