

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

(Funding Election Commission Through Six Months After General 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, Section 2.1 of the Election Code defines the role of the Election Commission, its composition and delegated authority and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 2.1 of the Election Code, "the Commission shall serve from the day of appointment until six (6) months following the general election or for such term as designated by the Council"; and

WHEREAS, in previous election years, the Tribal Council has relieved the Election Commission upon certification of the General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election Commission hereby requests the Tribal Council to continue funding their efforts in order to re-evaluate the Election Code for the purpose of submitting suggestions for a more comprehensive ordinance change that would address outstanding election issues that the Tribe has struggled with historically; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to continue funding the Election Commission for a period of six months following the scheduled date of the General Election for the purpose of evaluating the process and submitting recommendations for improving future elections.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Election Commission to continue meeting as needed for six months following the General Election in order to evaluate the election process and to submit recommendations for improving Tribal Elections via a comprehensive ordinance change.

**BE IT FURHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to continue funding the Election Commission for the purposes described herein.

**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.

**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.

## Resolution No. <u>03-2010-61</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>March 16, 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), (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

Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council