

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

(Adopting Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Authorizing FEMA Aid Application)

- 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, on March 18, 2010, the President of the United States declared a Presidential Disaster declaration for counties and Tribes in Arizona that were devastated by the effects of a heavy snow storm; and
- WHEREAS, among other Tribes, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is eligible for federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been advised by Tribal Emergency Management Coordinator Vaneysa Johnson that the Tribe's Safety Commission has completed and submitted a Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan") in working with FEMA staff in order to enter into a future Tribal Agreement with the United States for financial assistance to cover the damage inflicted by the storm; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to assist the Tribe in preparing for future disasters and other emergencies and to help prevent loss of life and damage to Tribal Property in the event that future devastating events occur on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS, approval of the Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is the first step required by FEMA in order to show the United States that it is acting in good faith to mitigate any damage caused to the Tribe in the future; and
- **WHEREAS.** upon the Tribe's approval of the Plan, FEMA Region IX mitigation office will review and consider approving the Plan in furtherance of providing federal assistance to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, within thirty to forty five days, the Tribal Council would then determine whether the Plan and the Tribal Agreement with the United States shall be formally adopted and elect to receive federal funding that it is entitled to; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the recommended Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and further finds that the request should be submitted to FEMA in consideration of the financial assistance that may be available to the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, subject to legal review, and directs Vaneysa Johnson to submit the Plan to FEMA for approval pending Tribal adoption in order to apply for any emergency financial assistance that the Tribe is eligible for.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Emergency Coordinator and Safety Commission to modify the Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as necessary in order to ensure that the Plan is updated to meet the Tribe's changing circumstances and immediate needs.

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 Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on May 6, 2010 duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</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), (j), (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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council