

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

(Promoting Education and Supporting Tribal Gaming by Endorsing Proposition 100)

- 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, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe strongly supports Federal, State and Tribal efforts to promote advancements in Education and investments in our children; and
- WHEREAS, Sheila Morago, Executive Director of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, addressed the Tribal Council requesting support of Proposition 100; and
- WHEREAS, Proposition 100 is an initiative that would help further the interests of promoting Education and safeguarding our children's future; and
- WHEREAS, the measure would raise Arizona's sales tax by one percent and is expected to generate over one billion dollars for the State over the next three years; and
- WHEREAS, alternatively, if the measure fails, the State is prepared to institute cost-cutting measures that will deeply impact education by cutting \$107 million in funding from universities and \$429 million from K-12 programs, among other cuts; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to the negative impact that the cost-cutting approach will have on our educational system, there is a deep concern among Tribes that the State's financial shortcomings will encourage support of Racetrack Casinos ("Racinos") to generate revenue; and
- WHEREAS, the financial consequences of Racinos would be severe for Tribes that rely on Casinos to generate the majority of their revenue and for this reason in addition to supporting Arizona Education, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to support Proposition 100.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses Proposition 100 in an effort to raise the Arizona sales tax by one percent in order to help the State meet its financial obligations and to prevent budget cuts that would be detrimental to education, thereby encouraging support for Racetrack Casinos to help generate revenue for the State, despite the negative impact it would have on Indian Tribes.

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

The foregoing resolution was on <u>MAY 12, 2010</u> 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), (i), (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