



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

(Approving Support for the Proposed Northeast Arizona Regional Air Support Unit)

- 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 White Mountain Apache Tribe in northern Arizona has numerous public safety needs that often cannot be met because public safety helicopters are not available in the area; and
- WHEREAS,** the Apache County Sheriff's Office has proposed to operate and make available to our northern Arizona communities a public safety helicopter; and
- WHEREAS,** the airborne public safety needs currently unmet in this region include lack of air support to: assist patrol officers when suspects flee, to assist in search and rescue efforts, to assist in fire suppression, and to medically evacuate in a timely manner all forms of accident victims who need to be taken to a Level One trauma medical facility; and
- WHEREAS,** critical Homeland Security infrastructure such as power plants, power lines, dams, gas (natural) transmission lines, Interstate 40, railroad lines, cellular and communication antennas are all vulnerable areas; and
- WHEREAS,** historically other counties across the state and the nation have had airborne helicopter support units to provide for their health, safety and welfare concerns; and
- WHEREAS,** northern Arizona communities need a public safety helicopter unit available to respond to emergency situations; and
- WHEREAS,** after extensive discussion, the Tribal Council determined that the Tribe has a vested interest in ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the people and communities it represents, supports public safety, and agrees that the proposed air support unit will enhance public safety and is in the best interests of the Tribe.

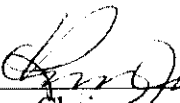
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the Apache County Sheriff's Office proposal to establish the Northeast Arizona Regional Air Support Unit and requests that Arizona's Congressional Delegation work to secure appropriations that allow for grant funding.

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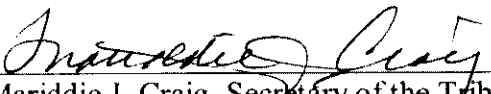
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 12, 2010** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for and **ZERO** against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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