



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

(Authorizing the Water Quality Protection Ordinance, Chapter 3, Tribal Environmental Code as Approved by Tribal Council for Submission to USEPA Region 9 for Review)

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 lakes, streams, surface and ground waters of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are valuable natural resources that provide many benefits to the Tribe, including water quality, water storage-recreation, wildlife habitat, and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2000, the Tribal Council adopted Water Quality Standards and enacted a Tribal Water Quality Protection Ordinance (Chapter 3, Tribal Environmental Code); pursuant to its Treatment-as-a-State by the USEPA under the Clean Water Act Section 106 or authorized by the Clean Water Act Section 518; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Water Quality Ordinance, Section 3.2 H, Public Hearings, mandates that the Tribe hold public hearings at least once each three year period for the purpose of reviewing, and as appropriate, modifying and adopting water quality standards; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was initiated on the subject of the Tribe's Water Quality Standards, pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Tribal Environmental Code, and changes and modifications to the Water Quality Ordinance were made by the Tribal Water Quality Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe that the public comments be addressed, that the occurrence of the public hearing date(s) and all proposed modifications to the Water Quality Standards be completed and that the Environmental Protection Office, Hydrology Program and Watershed Program submit changes and modifications of the Water Quality Ordinance to the Regional Administrator of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 for review.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Environmental Protection Office, Hydrology Program, and Watershed Program are hereby directed to submit changes and modifications of the Water Quality Ordinance to the Regional Administrator of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 for review.

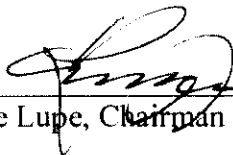
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe the public hearing date(s) and proposed modifications to the Water Quality Standards are completed and the public comment requirement per Chapter 3 of the Environmental Code has been addressed.

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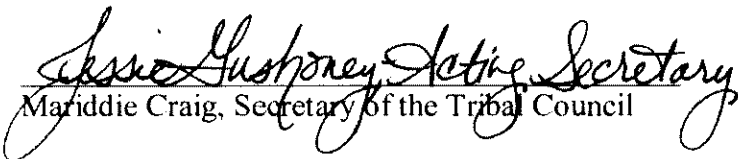
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 19, 2010** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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), (b), (f), (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 Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council