

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

(Approving Application for the Injury Prevention Grant)

- 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, motor vehicle and fire burn injuries have had a devastating impact on the health and well-being of many Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Injury Prevention Program has implemented projects to minimize injuries in the event of a motor vehicle crash and home fire by providing education to parents, children, and grandparents, distributing child passenger safety seats, smoke alarms, establishing a partnership with the Traffic Safety Unit, and providing assistance to the Fire & Rescue Department to strengthen the Fire Prevention Program; and
- WHEREAS, statistics provided by the Fire department reflect a decrease in motor vehicle accidents over previous years, the Ride Safe booster seat observational survey shows an increase in the use of child restraints, and the IHS seat belt observational study for the month of April 2010 shows an increase of seat belt usage as well; and
- WHEREAS, despite the small successes and collaborative efforts put forth by the Injury Prevention Program, the Fire and Rescue Department, and the Traffic Safety Unit, there lies a disparity; and
- WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Injury Prevention Program continue providing assistance and advocacy for children and elderly, educating the public, and encouraging modification of the way Tribal Members view safety prevention; and
- whereas, this matter has been thoroughly reviewed by the Tribal Council and it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribal that the Tribal Injury Prevention Program be permitted to apply to the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service for the Injury Prevention Grant.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves application by the White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department to the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service for the Injury Prevention Grant which will provide funds to continue the Injury Prevention Program within the Fire & Rescue Department to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

## Resolution No. 06-2010-139

**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 <u>JUNE 2, 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), (g), (h), (i), (j), (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

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