

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

(Reaffirming Hayden S. Anderson to create and establish a telecommunication business doing business as Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc.)

- 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 encourages and endorses entrepreneurial ventures by enrolled tribal members in its ongoing commitment to increased self-determination; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the significant shortage of employment opportunities within the reservation communities; and
- WHEREAS, Hayden S. Anderson, enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is present and requests approval from the Tribal Council to establish a Native-owned telecommunication business titled Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS, Hayden S. Anderson has already registered his company with the State of Arizona as Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. understands the risks which are inherent in starting a new business and at the same time it understands that a well developed plan mitigates and reduces exposure to risk and that there are economic rewards for tribal members beyond what is currently available; with this action it models a vision of entrepreneurial spirit in an understanding economic environment; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. has an ongoing communication through an independent consultant with a federal funding agency that is prepared to fund an established company that has submitted of all pertinent documents before October 1, 2010 and is separate and independent of a tribal government; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. has a promising opportunity to receive federal funding through Rural Utilities Service Programs that is provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. requests approval to offer to provide telecommunication services to every home, business and governmental agency on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

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- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the White Mountain Apache Tribe and any of its department, officers or employees from any and all liability, claims, damages, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or resulting from Cornerstone's acts or omissions or negligence by Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. or anyone who acts for or on behalf of Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. in carrying out the work as defined in the pertinent document; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. will execute its plan to replace the existing telecommunication service provider (Frontier Communication Solutions) and to maintain all services, programs and privileges assigned or designated thereto with intention to upgrade the systems immediately after receiving approval; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. requests ninety (90) days to submit its Business Plan and Plan of Operation to the Executive Office of the Tribal Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Cornerstone Telecommunication, Inc. is willing to offer the White Mountain Apache Tribe the first rights of refusal to purchase Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc five to seven years after it opens for business.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby:

- 1. A business license for Hayden S. Anderson, doing business as Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. is hereby approved, pursuant to the White Mountain Apache Business Code ("WMABC"), Section 1.1 et seq.
- 2. The Secretary of the Tribal Council and/or the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue said license in accordance with the provisions of the WMABC.
- 3. Accepts that Hayden S. Anderson has already registered his company with the State of Arizona and that it is officially known as Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc.
- 4. Gives approval for Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. to apply for federal funding with USDA though its Rural Utilities Services programs.
- 5. Agrees that Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. is the sole entity that is responsible for any and all loans granted to it.
- 6. Accepts the aforementioned indemnification statement by Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc.
- 7. Gives approval for Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. to begin its plan to replace the current existing telecommunication service provider (Frontier Communication solutions) and to maintain all services, programs, and privileges assigned or designated thereto with intention to upgrade the systems.
- 8. Approved the submission of complete documentation of Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. Business Plan and its Plan of Operation to the Executive Office of the Tribal Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe with in ninety (90) days of this date.

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9. Accepts the statement made by Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. about its willingness to offer the White Mountain Apache Tribe the first rights of refusal to purchase the company in five to seven years after its open for business

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Cornerstone Telecommunications, Inc. is not a Tribal Enterprise and is in not an arm of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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, subject to Legal review.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 2, 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), (b), (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