

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

(Rescinding Resolution 09-2005-246 and Allowing Ralph Thomas to Start Burning)

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, Resolution 09-2005-246 disallowed Ralph Thomas to participate in fire use and prescribed burning activities as permitted for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fort Apache Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Thomas approached the Tribal Council and requested that the restrictions implemented by the above referenced resolution be lifted, effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to rescind the section of Resolution 09-2005-246 and to allow Mr. Thomas to start burning activities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as permitted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby rescinds Resolution 09-2005-246.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby allows Ralph Thomas to begin fire use and prescribed burning activities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as permitted for the BIA Fort Apache Agency.

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>AUGUST 4, 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), (c), (f), (h), (i), (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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council