



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

(White Mountain Apache Tribe TANF Benefit Reduction)

- 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 federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program ("TANF"), a federally funded social services assistance program; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1998, the Tribe has administered a TANF program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES) Family Assistance Administration, with the eligibility portion being subcontracted to AZDES and WMAT administering the Jobs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** with a continuous increase in the White Mountain Apache Tribe's budget deficit, it is recommended that a reduction in the Cash Assistance monthly payments be implemented until further notice; and
- WHEREAS,** to alleviate the budget deficit of the WMAT, effective August 2010, a 36% reduction in each budgetary unit's (BU) Cash Assistance (CA) monthly payment is recommended, to ensure that the Tribe stays within its federally allocated budget of \$1.9 million; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to approve of the recommendations mentioned herein.

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

1. Directs the WMAT TANF Program to reduce each budgetary unit's (BU) Cash Assistance (CA) monthly payment by 36%, effective August 2010, to ensure that the Tribe stays within its federally allocated budget of \$1.9 million, provided the federal grant source concurs with this reduction.
2. Directs the WMAT TANF Program to amend its TANF policies and procedures, where applicable, so that they are consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

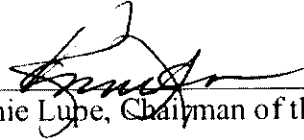
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the WMAT TANF Program to send all applicable notices required by law to its TANF clients.

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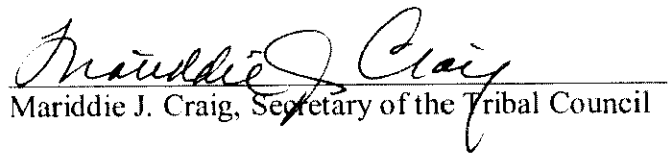
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event of any inconsistency between this Resolution and any other Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern, and any and all tribal policies and procedures are hereby amended for consistency herewith.

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 document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **AUGUST 5, 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), (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