



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

**(Approving the Establishment of a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program)**

- 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,** fires set by children under the age of 18 (both structural and wildfire) continue to pose a threat to the lives, property, cultural and natural resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** education, intervention, and enforcement dealing with children under the age of 18 involved in setting fires have been proven to prevent further firesetting behavior; and
- WHEREAS,** personnel from the White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department and the Fort Apache Agency Fire Prevention Program have been trained to facilitate the development of a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program along with the assistance of other human services entities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the recommendation of the White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department and the Fort Apache Agency Fire Prevention Program to support the involvement of law enforcement, courts, prosecution, schools, mental health departments, social services and other community groups and members in the development of a Youth Firesetter Intervention Coalition to guide the development and implementation of said program, to include the referral of children between the above entities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the recommendation of the White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department and the Fort Apache Agency Fire Prevention Program that a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program be available as an option for a child under the age of 18 who has been determined (after a screening by a fire prevention officer, fire investigator, resource officer, or law enforcement officer) to be responsible, either directly or as an accomplice, for violation of Section 2.69 "Unlawful Burning" of the Tribal Criminal Code; and
- WHEREAS,** said child and at least one of his/her parents or legal guardians will be required to complete specific fire safety and prevention courses and community service (maximum 200 hours); and
- WHEREAS,** completion of this requirement shall be overseen and verified by the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program coordinator or his or her designees; and

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**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department and the Fort Apache Agency Fire Prevention Program request the Tribal Council's support in the development of a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program to address the willful setting of fires and consequences for children and/or their parent(s) or their legal guardian(s) for engaging in such behavior; and

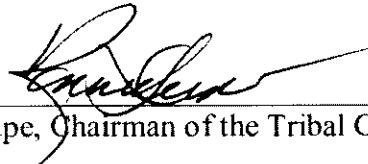
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council agree that development of a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program is in the best interests of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the establishment of a Youth Firesetter Intervention and Prevention Program on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation.

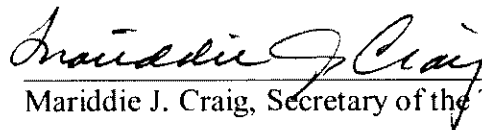
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**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 **SEPTEMBER 1, 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), (f), (q), (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).



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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council