

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

(Suspend Operations at FATCO)

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 Fort Apache Timber Company ("FATCO") for nearly 30 years provided a steady source of employment and revenue for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in recent years FATCO's operations were reduced due to poor financial performance and a decline in demand for home building products; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to remain proactive in managing the Tribe's resources in an economically efficient and productive manner; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration Tribal Council determined it is no longer in the Tribe's best interest to subsidize the operations at FATCO; and

WHEREAS, that all operations at FATCO should be suspended and that all employees other than those necessary to provide for the security of the premises should be laid-off; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council anticipates implementing strategies to use the Tribe's raw materials in a new and productive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the hundreds of dedicated employees who worked for FATCO and thanks them for their dedication and hard work.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby suspends all operations at FATCO effective October 13, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all FATCO employees are laid-off effective October 13, 2010, except for those necessary for the security of the premises as set forth in the shut-down plan.

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.

Resolution No. <u>09-2010-260</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>SEPTEMBER 29, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>FIVE</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), (f), (h), (i), (k) 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