



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

(Declaration of Epidemic – Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever)

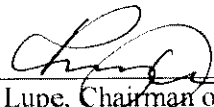
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is a severe tick-borne illness caused by infection with the bacterial organism *Rickettsia rickettsii*; in Arizona and on the White Mountain Apache Reservation the brown dog tick is a known host for the bacteria; and
- WHEREAS,** tribal members, in particular children and the elderly are susceptible severe illness as a result of infection with the bacteria; and
- WHEREAS,** frequent exposure to free-roaming dogs and wooded or grassy areas increase the risk of infection, especially during the spring and summer months; and
- WHEREAS,** between 2003 and 2008 there were six recorded fatalities on the San Carlos Apache and White Mountain Apache Reservations that were the result of RMSF; and
- WHEREAS,** to raise awareness and promote the prevention of RMSF it is necessary that the Tribal Council declare that RMSF is an epidemic.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares that Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever has reached epidemic proportions on the White Mountain Apache Reservation and that the Tribe and the Indian Health Service will take steps necessary to prevent the spread of this lethal illness.

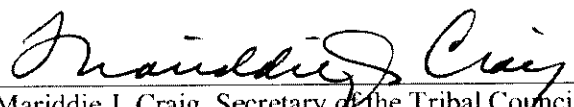
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 **OCTOBER 10, 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), (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