

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

(Approving Consultant Agreement with Moss-Adams to Perform Special Tribal Audit)

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, reports regarding suspected mishandling of Tribal money has been a focus of concern for the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Tribal Council have consistently called for an investigation into these reports; and

WHEREAS, accordingly the Tribal Council directed Treasurer Edwin Kane to solicit proposals from accounting firms to investigate these claims; and

WHEREAS, two firms REDW and Moss-Adams submitted proposals to complete the requested work; and

WHEREAS, both firms submitted proposals to review the most recent annual reports and management letters and summarize key issues that relate to internal control deficiencies; investigate Tribal Council member concerns about reports of mishandling of money; review internal controls for disbursements, bank transfers; prepare a summary of the Tribal Council concerns and internal control issues; and to meet with the Treasurer and Tribal Council to discuss the identified deficiencies and concerns; and

WHEREAS, both firms are reputable national accounting firms and both are experienced in dealing with Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, REDW currently prepares yearly audits for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, considering the nature of this investigation hiring the firm Moss-Adams is preferable because they are not familiar with the Tribe's accounting procedures or political structure so they can make a completely impartial report.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the consultant agreement with Moss-Adams accountants to perform an audit regarding the possible mishandling and misappropriation of Tribal money.

## Resolution No. 12-2010-328

**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>DECEMBER 22, 2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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), (b), (k), (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