

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

(Appointment of the Tribal Election Commission)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) 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, under the Constitution and the Election Code of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Tribal Elections for open seats on the Tribal Council are held every two years to elect members to the Council to staggered four year terms; and

WHEREAS, under the Tribal Election Code, prior to any election the Council must appoint an Election Commission to administer the duties and activities required under the Election Code to ensure an orderly and fair election process; and

WHEREAS, prior to the election date there is a considerable amount of preparation and nomination work to be completed, under the supervision of the Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified respected community leaders who have a record of community service, cultural understanding and wisdom, and the respect and appreciation for the responsibilities and operations of the Tribal government, and these include:

Wilson Gregg Jr.	Ronald Larzelere	Malinda Ivans
Lex Baha	Hedy Kelewood	Patrick Cruz
Colbert Burnette	Mariddie Craig	Phil Stago Jr.
Erwin Thompson	Anthony Cooley	Paul Kuehl

; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council expects the Commission members to undertake their duties with great care and dedication, emphasizing coordination and communication to the community.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following individuals to the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Election Commission pursuant to the Tribal Election Code, Section 2.1 for a term to expire six months following the conclusion of the upcoming general election:

Hedy Kelewood Patrick Cruz Colbert Burnette Pl	Lex Baha Phil Stago Jr. Paul Kuehl
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Commission shall prepare for the election process and undertake their duties in a manner to uphold their solemn obligations under the Tribal Constitution and Election Code to ensure a fair and orderly process for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**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>FEBRUARY 9, 2011</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), (i), (k) (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council