

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

(Suspending TERO Director Pending Investigation)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, on this date, held an Executive Session to listen to complaints and consider allegations made against Rovene Nozie in his capacity as the Director of TERO; and

WHEREAS, after deliberating on this matter, the Tribal Council decided to suspend Rovene Nozie for thirty (30) days pending an investigation by the Legal Department and Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the suspension should be administered with pay until further action is taken or necessary to conclude the investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that Verna Westover should be appointing as the Acting Director of TERO until a final decision is made regarding the suspension.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Legal Department and Treasurer to investigate and address the concerns raised regarding Rovene Nozie's alleged improper actions in his capacity as the Director of TERO.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby suspends Rovene Nozie for thirty (30) days, pending the results of the investigation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Verna Westover as the Acting Director of TERO until such time that a final decision is made with respect to Rovene Nozie's employment with the 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>APRIL 7, 2011</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against and TWO 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

Secretary of the Tribal Council