

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

(Eliminating FATCO's Roads Suspense Account from \$94,874.88 to a Zero Balance)

WHEREAS, the General Manager of the Fort Apache Timber Company ("FATCO") informed the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") that the Roads Suspense account is not legally required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") timber sales contracts; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the BIA collected thirteen percent (13%) for the Roads Suspense Account from stumpage payments and reimbursed FATCO upon the submittal of weekly reports; and

WHEREAS, FATCO has always managed and maintained all logging roadways throughout the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 06-2010-188, the Tribal Council resolved to eliminate the Roads Suspense Account in order to act in the best interests of the Tribe and free the Tribe of over \$94,874.88 of debt; and

WHEREAS, the BIA has since informed the Tribal Council that simply resolving to eliminate the account is not enough, and that the Tribe must "zero out" the account prior to eliminating it; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe and FATCO to take action and zero out the suspense account in order to properly close it out.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe shall retroactively zero out the Roads Suspense Account related to FATCO in order to close out the account, thereby freeing the Tribe of \$94,874.88 of debt.

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>AUGUST 18, 2011</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</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), (f), (h), (i), (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