

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

(Authorizing Terms for Settlement of Claims with Jefferson Bank)

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been involved in federal and state court ligation with Jefferson Bank of San Antonio, Texas, concerning payment of a debt from a series of municipal leases negotiated by the Tribe in 2005 to 2007 with Lehigh Municipal Finance, which

Jefferson Bank acquired through an assignment of the debt from Lehigh; and

WHEREAS, the legal dispute is now on appeal, however, the Tribe and Jefferson Bank have

negotiated terms to settle the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the terms of the proposed settlement are in the best interests of the Tribe and will resolve a pending claim which has impacted the Tribe's credit worthiness, and will be paid from funds specifically earmarked for this purpose

in the recent Wells Fargo line of credit agreement and extension approved by the

Council on September 10, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and approves the settlement with Jefferson Bank, and for that purpose authorizes payment by the Tribe to Jefferson Bank in the amount of \$400,000 drawn from the restricted funds set aside for this purpose in the Wells Fargo line of credit transaction, 2) withdrawal by the Tribe and Jefferson Bank of the appeal before the Arizona Court of Appeals, and 3) execution by the parties of the Mutual Settlement and Release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign and deliver the Mutual Settlement and Release, and with the assistance of Tribal staff and representatives, implement all the steps agreed to therein.

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 November 7, 2012 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), (h), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council