

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

Resolution No. 01-2013-22

(Approving White Mountain Youth Corps Activities)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of opportunities for youth-directed occupational training and employment both on and off reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Youth Corps (WMYC) proposes to administer a regional youth and young adult conservation corps program that will enroll participants to conduct environmental conservation service projects on and off the reservation; and

whereas, the WMYC also provides environmental education opportunities; offers conservation skills training; promotes cultural awareness and appreciation; fosters life-long stewardship of the environment; provides personal development and professional career preparation; and at the same time provides high quality public service in natural resources and ecosystem conservation and restoration and other public service; and

WHEREAS, the WMYC will develop and implement programming and public service projects with the input of an Advisory Board compromised of community members from the White Mountains, including members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, administrative oversight of the WMYC program will be done by the WMYC staff members and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps of Taos, New Mexico, which is a distinguished member of The Corps Network, the national membership association of service and conservation corps; and

WHEREAS, the WMYC will seek diverse funding sources to ensure sustainability and growth of the program.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the formation of the White Mountain Youth Corps to implement a regional youth and your adult conservation corps program in the White Mountain Region and encourages the WMYC to recruit members of the Tribe into its programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby encourages Tribal and other programs operating on Tribal lands to collaborate and partner with WMYC to conduct projects within the Reservation, as approved through the TPPR process, to provide job training and skill building opportunities and needed conservation services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JANUARY 30, 2013</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against and <u>ZERO</u> Abstention 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 Tribal Constitution, 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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

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