



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 04-2013-88

(Approval of the Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan of the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Coalition and the Animal Control Advisory Board)

- 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,** the Division of Health Programs, in collaboration with the Indian Health Service and other federal, state and tribal programs, to address the health needs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) Coalition has been established to address the problems the Tribe has encountered on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation pertaining to the RMSF epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the finding of the RMSF Coalition efforts identified there is an overpopulation of roaming dogs. The overabundance of dogs results in an overwhelming number of ticks. The dogs further serve to bring the ticks into close contact with people in their homes and in their yards. The close association between dogs and children appears to be a main factor in how children are severely impacted on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Animal Control Advisory Board has proposed to establish an Animal Control Program (ACP) to control the imminent threat RMSF poses to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Animal Control Ordinance (Health Safety Code, Chapter 10) and Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan, the ACP will focus on RMSF prevention and provide animal care and control services to improve the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** RMSF Control Officers will work with the ACP and in collaboration with the listed departments in the Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the RMSF Coalition will continue to meet monthly to implement and coordinate ongoing RMSF prevention activities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and approves the Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan to address RMSF prevention and animal control activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby acknowledges and authorizes the RMSF Coalition and Animal Control Advisory Board to provide technical assistance and support to ACP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby sanctions the monthly RMSF Coalition meetings as mandatory for the listed departments in the Animal Control Operational Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby sanctions all departments listed in the Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan to receive training and education regarding RMSF prevention and animal control activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby sanctions all departments listed in the Comprehensive Animal Control Operational Plan to be involved and collaborate with the ACP. The recommended roles are outlined for each department to ensure program is sustainable, effective and enforceable.

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 APRIL 24, 2013 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against 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

5-2-13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

04/30/2013

Date