

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

## **Resolution No. <u>08-2013-175</u>**

(Reevaluating Former Chairman Dallas Massey's Legal Expenses and Legal Defense Authorizations Related to Housing Authority Criminal Charges)

WHEREAS.

pursuant to Resolutions No. 05-2004-88 and No. 04-2006-126, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council ("Council") authorized payment on behalf of Dallas Massey to defend against a federal inquiry. In the latter resolution, the Council stipulated that in the event that criminal charges were filed, the Tribal Council would reevaluate the authorization; and

WHEREAS,

former Chairman Dallas Massey has been formally criminally charged by the Tribe's Special Prosecutor; therefore, any former promises made by prior Councils should be revoked and any resolutions purporting to shield a former Tribal Chairman from criminal prosecution should be rescinded accordingly.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby rescinds all resolutions and revokes any authority that provided for the legal defense of former Chairman Dallas Massey. Having been criminally prosecuted, the Council no longer finds it in the Tribe's interest to provide legal defense or financial aid to former Chairman Massey. In the event of a conviction on these charges, the Council directs and authorizes the Attorney General to file a civil lawsuit to recover funds expended by the Tribe on Dallas Massey's legal defense.

**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>AUGUST 9, 2013</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), (d), (i), (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 Lune, Chairman

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

Date

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