



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

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## **Resolution No. 09-2013-189**

### **(Appointment of David Kitcheyan and Louis Zospah to the WMAT Election Commission)**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** under the Constitution and the Election Code of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Tribal Elections for open seats on the Tribal Council are held every two years to elect members to the Council to staggered four year terms; and
- WHEREAS,** under the Tribal Election Code, prior to any election the Council must appoint an Election Commission to administer the duties and activities required under the Election Code to ensure an orderly and fair election process; and
- WHEREAS,** prior to the election date there is a considerable amount of preparation and nomination work to be completed, under the supervision of the Election Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has by prior resolution appointed the current members of the Tribal Election Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** the Election Commission has maintained activities in the period since the last election, preparing proposed revisions to the Election Code, which have been enacted by the Council, and preparing suggested revisions to the Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Election Commission has two vacancies which should be filled prior to the upcoming Tribal election; and
- WHEREAS,** the Election Commission recommends to the Council the appointment of David Kitcheyan to fill one of the vacant seats; and
- WHEREAS,** to fill the second vacancy created by the recent resignation of Romeo Dazen, the Commission recommends the appointment of Louis Zospah; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kitcheyan and Mr. Zospah are well respected in the community and very familiar with Tribal election process.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it appoints David Kitcheyan and Louis Zospah to the Tribal Election Commission pursuant to the Tribal Election Code, Section 2.1 for a term to expire six months following the conclusion of the upcoming general election, unless otherwise designated by the Tribal Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it confirms and ratifies that the remaining current members of the Election Commission, Colbert Burnette, Margaret Quay, Malinda Ivans, Virgilene Danford, Lorinda Quintero, Berta Bones and Council Secretary, Mariddie Craig are to remain in place as the Election Commission for a term to expire six months following the conclusion of the upcoming general election, unless otherwise designated by the Tribal Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Commission shall prepare for the election process and to undertake their duties in a manner to uphold their solemn obligations under the Tribal Constitution and Election Code to ensure a fair and orderly process for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Council offers its thanks and appreciation to Romeo Dazen for his service on the Election Commission.

**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.

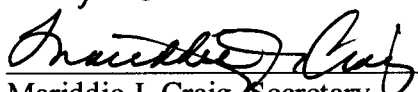
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

**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 **SEPTEMBER 19, 2013** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** 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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

10/03/2013  
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