

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. <u>11-2013-210</u>

(Moratorium on the Issuance of Land Assignments)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe"), as a federally recognized Indian tribal government, with inherent rights of self-governance, and pursuant to its Tribal Constitution, exercises rights of self-determination and self-governance through its duly elected Tribal Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, on this day, members of the Tribal Council were approached by the Land Board requesting consideration for the implementation of a moratorium on future land assignments. The reason for the request stems from problems that arose regarding the lack of infrastructure available on the Reservation.

WHEREAS, after deliberation of the issues raised, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to implement this moratorium until a review and revision of the WMAT Land Code occurs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that until such time that the review and revision happens, this moratorium shall be in effect prohibiting the Land Board from issuing land assignments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this resolution shall not affect Land Transfers handled by the Land Office.

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 of 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>November 1, 2013</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</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), (e), (h), (m), (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