



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing the Rainbow Treatment Center to Lease the Whiteriver Motel for a Ten-Year Period to Provide Transitional Housing and Services to Clients)**

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- WHEREAS,** the Rainbow Treatment Center (RTC) is the White Mountain Apache Tribe's residential and outpatient alcohol and substance abuse treatment program; and
- WHEREAS,** many off-reservation substance abuse programs provide transitional housing wherein clients who graduate from clinical services can enter into living situations (such as dormitory, small apartments, small houses) with other clients, under the supervision of qualified counselors and house staff members, which allow clients to receive daily counseling, vocational rehabilitation services, budgeting/financial counseling, peer support, and financial assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** RTC staff has repeatedly noticed many of its clients are homeless and lack the personal resources and skills necessary to maintain adequate housing, which is largely due to their alcohol and substance abuse problems interfering with their abilities to meet the role-requirements necessary to obtain and maintain housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the RTC previously submitted a proposal to the Tribal Council to convert the Whiteriver Motel into a substance abuse treatment transitional housing facility for the use of qualifying clients; and
- WHEREAS,** for this proposal to occur, the RTC would need to repair the damage to the building and make structural changes that would promote its new mission as a transitional housing facility; and
- WHEREAS,** with the permission of the Whiteriver Motel Manager, the RTC has obtained the services of a general contractor to evaluate the structural damage of the Whiteriver Motel and provide an estimate of the costs to repair the damage and convert the building into a transitional housing facility; and
- WHEREAS,** a formal cost estimate is still in process, however, it is likely that the total cost of repairs and renovation may approach one million dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** the RTC advises it currently possesses adequate funding to meet its current expansion goals while also renovating the Whiteriver Motel; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal staff recently met with RTC staff to discuss this proposal and negotiate terms of a potential lease agreement, at which time RTC requested that 1) the leased premises include the parking areas directly adjacent to the Whiteriver Motel section (south, west

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and north sides); 2) that RTC would like to include a mobile unit on the premises for clinical staff; and 3) that RTC be permitted to fence the leased premises to ensure adequate monitoring and protection of its clients; and

**WHEREAS,** it is recommended that a ten (10) year lease agreement be authorized for RTC to utilize the Whiteriver Motel premises for use as transitional housing and to provide transitional services for clients, and that the lease agreement include a provision for rent abatement for expenses RTC incurs for repairs/renovation of the Whiteriver Motel; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has considered this proposal and recommendation and believes it would be in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize a ten (10) year lease to RTC, with rent abatement for expenses incurred by RTC to repair/renovate the Whiteriver Motel.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a ten (10) year lease agreement to the Rainbow Treatment Center for the Whiteriver Motel premises, including parking areas directly adjacent to Motel rooms, for the purpose of utilizing the site for transitional housing and providing transitional services to clients.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a rent abatement provision in said lease agreement to allow the Rainbow Treatment Center to recapture expenses incurred for the repair/renovation of the Whiteriver Motel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Rainbow Treatment Center is directed to provide therapeutic substance abuse treatment services to its clients at the leased facility (Whiteriver Motel) to include: transitional housing for clients in treatment; outpatient individual, couples, family and group counseling for adults, adolescents and children; parenting instruction; substance abuse prevention; and all other needed services for the treatment of substance use disorders.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Rainbow Treatment Center is directed to renovate the public restroom facilities associated with the Whiteriver Restaurant as a condition of this lease authorization.

**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.

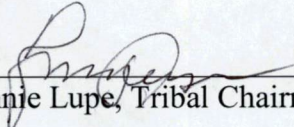
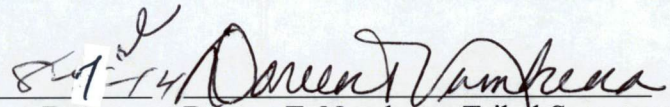
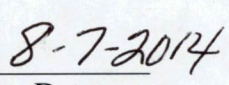
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed 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 Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **JULY 29, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for and **ZERO** against with **ZERO** abstaining by the Tribal Council of the White

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Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

			
_____ Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman	_____ Date	_____ Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	_____ Date