

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Springerville Police Department)

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is a severe tick-borne disease on the White Mountain Apache Reservation caused by the bacterial organism *Rickettsia rickettsia*; and

WHEREAS, the brown dog tick is a known host for the bacteria and dogs are the preferred host for the brown dog tick. Free-roaming dogs are the most significant contributor to the spread of RMSF and translocation of ticks on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Dogs and cats on tribal lands are frequently malnourished and of ill health due to contagious or infectious diseases, parasites, and limited or non-existent veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does not have a facility to properly impound, vaccinate, maintain, license or dispose of animals; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Division of Health Program on behalf of the Community Health representative Program and the Springerville Police Department have reached an agreement regarding animal euthanasia services which will help prevent the spread of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the proposal and determined that the agreement with the Springerville Police Department is in the best interest of the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Intergovernmental Agreement between the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Division of Health Programs, Community Health Representative Program and the Springerville Police Department for animal euthanasia services.

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.

Resolution No. 06-2015-112

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 <u>JUNE 3, 2015</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention by the Tribal Council of the White 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, Fribal Chairman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date