



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Apache Agency, Transfer Ownership of BIA Building Nos. 17 and 22 to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for Tribal Administration Purposes)**

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**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is advised that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Apache Agency, has plans to demolish several buildings, formerly identified as BIA Employee Housing, which are located within the BIA Administrative Complex; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is further advised that the BIA buildings scheduled for future demolition contain hazardous materials, such as asbestos, lead, and mold, which the BIA is unable to remove due to the excessive expense it will incur; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe currently has a crucial need for buildings in which to house its various programs and departments, and is seeking assistance from the BIA to allow the transfer of BIA Building No. 17 and No. 22 to the Tribe for Tribal program use and ownership. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office is to relocate to BIA Building No. 17; and

**WHEREAS,** the BIA has advised the Tribal Historic Preservation Office that BIA Building No. 17 and No. 22 have the least hazardous material issues, and that a transfer of these buildings may be possible upon review by BIA Western Regional Environmental staff; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to request that the BIA assist the Tribe in its crucial need for buildings for Tribal Administrative purposes and allow the transfer of BIA Building No. 17 and No. 22 for Tribal program use and ownership; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the BIA Fort Apache Agency transfer BIA Building No. 17 to the Tribe for use by the Tribe for the Tribal Historic Preservation office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the BIA Fort Apache Agency transfer BIA Building No. 22 to the Tribe for Tribal program use and ownership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the BIA Fort Apache Agency consider transferring any available BIA Buildings considered excess or scheduled for future demolition, and allow the Tribe any opportunity to assist in the mitigation of hazardous materials to allow the Tribe to safety use and occupy these buildings for Tribal Administrative purposes.

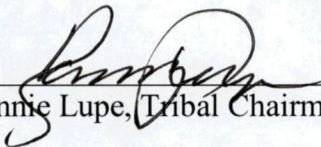
**Resolution No. 07-2015-126**

**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.

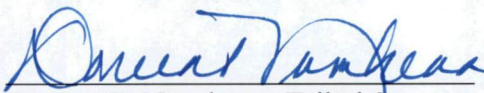
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 8, 2015** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ONE** against, and **TWO** abstentions 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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

8/24/15  
Date

  
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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

8/25/2015  
Date