

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing the Planning Department to Seek Opportunities for Cannabis Cultivation)

WHEREAS, given the recent shift in federal and state policies concerning the growth and sale of cannabis by Tribes which acknowledge Tribal sovereignty to cultivate cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the cultivation of cannabis as a cash crop would provide an unprecedented economic opportunity to increase revenue and create jobs for Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, with the support and resources of the Legal Department and the Treasurer's Office, is best qualified to explore and assess this opportunity.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Planning Department to seek opportunities for cannabis cultivation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Legal Department and the Treasurer's Office to support the Planning Department in this effort.

**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 <u>AUGUST 4, 2015</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</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, Tribal Chairman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date