



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Adopting New Budget Cuts and Cost-Containment Measures)

Continuing Resolutions and FY2015-16 Budget to Reflect Changes

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council ("Council") is duly elected and entrusted by the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("WMAT") to pass laws and adopt measures that further the interests of the greater WMAT; and

WHEREAS, White Mountain Apache Tribal leaders, pursuant to the authority vested in them by the Tribal Constitution, shall consider additional, but necessary, cost-savings measures in order to achieve a balanced budget and reduce the overall Tribal deficit; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Vice-Chairman has proposed, and the Tribal Council unanimously agrees, that despite the short-term challenges that enrolled Tribal member employees may endure, that the Council must consider cutting expenses from the following Programs due to operating at a financial loss to the Tribe, Program redundancy, or inconsistent performance over a period of time:

1. Department of Public Safety
2. Variety Store in Whiteriver
3. McNary Commercial Store
4. Cibecue Tireshop
5. Fair and Rodeo Department
6. Cellular One Store
7. Apache Youth Program

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the WMAT's best interest to eliminate all programs listed above, with an exception made for the Apache Youth Program, whose budget shall be reduced from \$379,000.00 to \$139,000.00. The AYP Director shall seek outside grant funding sources for long-term operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Council is also in agreement that Tribal EMS and Fire and Rescue should merge and that the Tribe will continue to make strides towards achieving that goal in order to streamline and effectively manage emergency services to the Tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the Cibecue Tireshop should be closed in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, however, District I Councilman Arnold Beach will seek out additional funding sources where available in an attempt to support the Cibecue Tireshop in the future; and

WHEREAS, Fair and Rodeo employees should no longer be employed year-round, and employees will be appointed seasonally or run via voluntary committee as done in prior years; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the WMAT to eliminate, place on hold indefinitely, or drastically reduce budgets for the programs listed and described herein.

Resolution No. 10-2015-203

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby eliminates the following Programs and Directors are instructed to wind down and close no later than November 15, 2015:

1. Department of Public Safety
2. Variety Store in Whiteriver
3. McNary Commercial Store
4. Cibecue Tireshop
5. Fair and Rodeo Department
6. Cellular One Store

Temporary Exception:

7. Apache Youth Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reduces the Apache Youth Program budget from \$379,000.00 to \$139,000.00 and directs that funding for future operational costs must come from outside grants and not subsidized by the Tribal government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the Fair and Rodeo Manager shall provide a final report to the Council and the Program should return to seasonal status and preferably organized on a voluntary basis as done in prior years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that Minor Kinney will be responsible for selling hay after the closure of the Variety Store.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs management at Fire and Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to work together to achieve the Tribe's overall goal of merging Fire and Rescue with EMS. The Council further instructs that cooperation from all involved parties is necessary and the Council intends to watch this matter closely to ensure that this objective is achieved in the very near future. With the elimination of the Public Safety Division, Directors of both agencies should meet and report to the Council on how they plan to accomplish a merger for the benefit of the greater White Mountain Apache community.

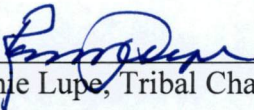
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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.

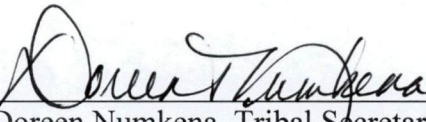
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The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 12, 2015** duly adopted by a vote of **FIVE** for, **FOUR** against, and **ONE** abstention by the Tribal Council of the **White Mountain Apache Tribe**, pursuant to authority vested in it under the **enumerated 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

10/27/15
Date



Doreen Numkena, Tribal Secretary

10/27/2015
Date