

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Establishment of the WMAT Division of Transportation)

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS, in order to make the Tribe a more efficiently run government, to ensure that staff and members of the governing body are accountable for actions and decisions made on behalf of the Tribe, to improve upon communication, and to otherwise facilitate better performance of the Tribe's governmental programs and departments, a Tribal Government hierarchy was established by the Tribal Council with the adoption of Resolution 02-2013-36; and
- WHEREAS, to date, since the implementation of Resolution 02-2013-36, the Transportation Program has not reached its full potential under the direction and administration of the Planning Department; and
- WHEREAS, in order to improve the performance and efficiency of the Transportation Program, the Tribal Council concludes that it would be in the best interests of the Tribe to reorganize the Transportation Program as a stand-alone "Division of Transportation", independent from the administrative authority of the Planning Department, and would report directly to the Tribal Council or its designee; and
- WHEREAS, the reorganized Division of Transportation will assume full authority and responsibility of all existing and future transportation grants and applications therefore, and will work directly with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highways Administration, and all other transportation entities to plan and continue road improvement projects that will meet the Tribe's transportation needs now and in the future.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reorganizes the Transportation Program as a stand-alone, independent "Division of Transportation", entirely separate from and independent of the Planning Department, to report directly to the Tribal Council or its designee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the physical removal of the reorganized Division of Transportation, including the transfer of all existing Transportation Program grants, files, records, equipment, office furniture, and computers formerly used by the Transportation Program, from the Planning Department to a new and different location to be known as the Division of Transportation.

**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>March 23, 2016</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>Eight</u> for, <u>One</u> against, and <u>One</u> 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 (a) (h) (i) (j) (k) (s) (t) and (u) 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