

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Arizona Conservation Corps)

- WHEREAS, there is shortage of opportunities for youth-directed occupational training and employment both on and off the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Arizona Conservation Corps ("AZCC"), formerly known as the White Mountain Youth Corps, proposes to administer a regional youth and young adult conservation corps program that will enroll participants to conduct environmental conservation service projects on and off the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the AZCC also provides environmental education opportunities; offers conservation skills training; promotes cultural awareness and appreciation; fosters life-long stewardship of the environment; provides personal development and professional career preparation; and at the same time provides high quality public service in natural resource and ecosystem conservation and restoration and other public service; and
- WHEREAS, the AZCC will develop and implement programming and public service projects with the input of the White Mountain Youth Corps Local Advisory Board comprised of tribal members and members from the White Mountains; and
- WHEREAS, administrative oversight of the AZCC program will be done by Conservation Legacy, which is a distinguished member of the Corps Network, the national membership association of service and conservation corps; and
- **WHEREAS**, the AZCC will seek diverse funding sources to ensure sustainability and growth of the program.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the formation of Arizona Conservation Corps to implement a regional youth and young adult conservation corps program in the White Mountain Region and encourages the AZCC to recruit young members of the Tribe into its programs.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all administrative oversight of the AZCC program be done by the AZCC staff members and Conservation Legacy.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it encourages tribal and other programs operating on Tribal lands to collaborate and partner with AZCC to conduct projects within the Reservation, with prior approval by the Council, to provide job training and skill building opportunities and needed conservation services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all administrative oversight for AZCC will be handled by Conservation Legacy, which is a distinguished member of AmeriCorps, the national membership association of service and conservation corps.

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 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 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 **NOVEMBER 16, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Date Do

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date