



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Establishment of an Animal Control Program)

WHEREAS, the over population of free roaming dogs on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation has created many public health concerns. Since 2003 when Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever first emerged on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation there have been many cases and fatalities. Additionally, reports of dogs biting humans have increased exponentially with varying degrees of increased severity. Since 1999, 2028 incidents of animal bites have been reported to Indian Health Service and one fatality; and

WHEREAS, Division of Health Programs has identified the need to control the free roaming dog population to prevent public health issues; and

WHEREAS, Division of Health Programs will start an Animal Control Program under their management; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control program will have all authority enforce Animal Control Ordinance 293 found in the White Mountain Apache Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tribe for the Tribal Council to establish an Animal Control Program under the Division of Health Programs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes an Animal Control Program with the responsibilities and duties outlined in the Animal Control Ordinance to be under the Division of Health Programs.

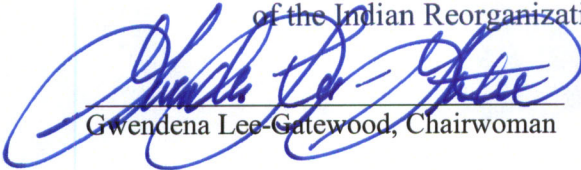
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 Chairwoman, or in her 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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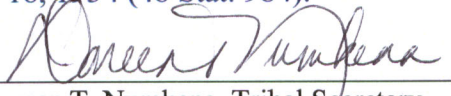
The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 7, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT 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).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

3.12.19

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

3-14-19

Date