



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Approval for CRF-Phase 2 Grant Application by THPO/WMAT)**

- WHEREAS,** in FY2015, the MICA Group (Multicultural Intermediary for Collaborative Action) notified the White Mountain Apache Tribe on their eligibility for the “Cultural Resource Fund: Strengthening Tribal Communities and Cultures” (CRF) Phase 1 grant funding, and the Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) applied for, and received (August, 2015) an award of \$15,000 for a small project, “CRF-WMAT Cultural Knowledge Project” (mostly expended, project continuing) and the latest Cultural Resource Fund – Phase 2 FY2016 for funding up to \$50,000, with a deadline date for grant application submissions (February 15, 2016) was announced; and
- WHEREAS,** for several decades the WMA Tribal Resolutions recognized the need to protect an area of their reservation including Dził Łigai Sí’án, the “White Mountain” or “Mount Baldy” on most maps, to be reserved as a “Wilderness Area” as a heritage resource of sacred and cultural significance according to tribal belief and the THPO has a responsibility for oversight of the Tribe's heritage resources including sacred and historical sites, and an objective from the first project was to document the historical, social, and traditional knowledge on Dził Łigai Sí’án and it's cultural/historical significance; and
- WHEREAS,** Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director/NAGPRA Representative, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center, and Mark Altaha, Manager, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, both White Mountain Apache Tribal departments, with the CAB (Cultural Advisory Board) members, decided that the importance and urgency of protecting the tribe's heritage resources would necessitate continuing with the first CRF project's objectives (slightly revised) that include: continuing Apache language classes, interview/record/document elder's stories, drafting a Research & Recording Policy and Language Policy, and eventually implementing the major goal/objectives by the approval and adoption of new policies that will become sections in the overall **Heritage Resource Protection Code** for the WMA Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the THPO and CAB (as consultants) request approval from the WMA Tribal Council to submit a new grant proposal titled: “*Documentation, and Protection of WMAT Heritage Resources*” for CRF-Phase 2 fund with this project that would be a continuance of the first CRF project objectives that are eligible under several of their criteria including “Preservation of cultural/historical sites including conducting ...ethnographic studies and cultural resource reports,” “language revitalization,” “protection of sacred, cultural, or historic sites,” “core cultural value systems, beliefs, and practices,” “cultural preservation education/sovereignty” and “traditional knowledge”; and
- WHEREAS,** the THPO Manager is requesting approval from the WMA Tribal Council to submit a grant application and budget for the CRF-Phase 2 fund (for up to \$50,000) available for FY2016.



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**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby states that there are no internal funds available for new projects due to lack of available finances and recommends that tribal departments seek funding from other sources for important projects that need to be implemented.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the continuance of THPO as Grant Fund Manager, Cultural Resource Director, and CAB as project consultants, and appointment of Bernadette A. SantaMaria as Grant Coordinator (with provision of a part-time salary in budget, no fringe benefit costs) and the current THPO as the project office if project is funded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of a grant application and budget (up to \$50,000, no matching fund requirement) to the MICA Group for a one-year project to carry out the stated major goal and objectives of the "*Cultural Resource Fund-Phase 2: Documentation, and Protection of WMAT Heritage Resources*" Grant Project.

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 17, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** 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).

Acting  
KASBY B. Velasquez 3.10.16  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman                      Date

Doreen T. Numkena 3/10/2016  
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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary                      Date