



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval to Submit Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application to the National Park Service)

- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, "*Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities FY2016*" was announced for availability of funding (May, 2016); and
- WHEREAS,** Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director/NAGPRA Representative, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center, and Cultural Advisory Board have identified an important project that necessitates planning and implementing as soon as possible to document Mount Baldy as a traditional cultural property, and that our White Mountain Apache Tribe is an underrepresented entity nationally on these issues; and
- WHEREAS,** several WMA Tribal Resolutions for several past decades, including No. 66-20 (dated January 13, 1966) designated "...that an area of 7,400 acres, including Mount Baldy, holds a sacred significance to members of the Tribe...be reserved as a Primitive Area for a period of five years ending ..in 1970." and that the prior WMA Tribal Councils had recognized the need to protect certain areas of their reservation by establishing a Primitive Area; and
- WHEREAS,** as an example of a TCP (Traditional Cultural Property) according to federal agency definitions and guidelines, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's holy mountain, Báshzh?né Dził (Dził Ligai Sí'án/Mount Baldy), is an important signifier of our Tribal name, pilgrimage destination for our People, home of our ceremonial beings, named in our ceremonial songs, home of holy people according to our Creation stories, a holy mountain held in great respect by our People; and
- WHEREAS,** this tribal department and others responsible for oversight of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's heritage resources intend to collaborate to survey, research, inventory, and document the demographics, boundaries, historical, archaeological, legal, social, and traditional knowledge about Bashzhine Dził, located within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as the focus of their "Mount Baldy Project," in order to eventually nominate it to the National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmark after the end of the project; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPS-HPF has grant funds available up to \$50,000 for a two-year project and this proposed project would be eligible under their criteria of, "projects that support the survey, inventory and designation of historical properties" and we are "associated communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks" thereby also meeting the requirement of "...projects that promote the preservation of our jurisdiction's diverse cultural resources"; and
- WHEREAS,** this is to request that the WMA Tribal Council approve the appointment of Ramon Riley as Project Manager, and Bernadette A. SantaMaria as Grant Administrator, and the Nohwike Bagowah Culture Center as the project office if grant proposal is funded, with the Cultural Advisory Board, THPO and other departments as a collaborators, and request permission to consult with local, state, federal agencies on the project planning and activities and to possible

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formation of partnerships or MOUs/Agreements to accomplish project goals/objectives (subject to review by the Office of the Attorney General); and

WHEREAS, the above-named Cultural Resource Director requests WMA Tribal Council approvals for their submission of a budget (no match/cost share requirement) for up to \$50,000 and grant proposal to conduct the "Mount Baldy Project" requesting funding from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Funding agency for submission by the deadline date of July 15, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of a budget and grant proposal ("Mount Baldy Project") to the National Park Service for a two-year project to prepare documentation to nominate Bashzhine Dzil (aka Dzil Ligai Si'an) as a traditional cultural property to the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks by Ramon Riley, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center Cultural Resources Director.

BE IT FURTHER 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 recent financial setbacks, it is recommended that tribal departments seek funding from other sources for important projects that need to be implemented and for the provision of funding for the part time work of a grant administrator and project manager from grant funding for this project, if awarded.

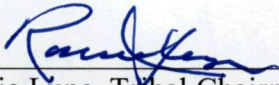
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the appointment of Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center as Project Manager, Bernadette A. SantaMaria as Grant Administrator, and the Nohwike Bagowah Culture Center (or its assignment of an office or building at Fort Apache) as the project office if grant proposal is funded.

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.

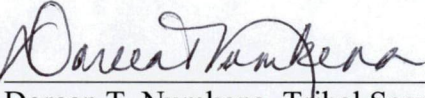
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 **JULY 13, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** 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

7-13-2016
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

7-13-2016
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