



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing a New Fire Cooperative Agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs)

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”), is authorized by 25 C.F.R. 136.21 to manage fire preparedness, suppression, and post suppression activities, as well as to provide funding, equipment and supplies, and to provide technical oversights and training to Tribal and Bureau employees working in any fire activities; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has personnel, equipment, supplies, and facilities to assist the BIA in a variety of wildland fire programs at the tribal, local, state, and national levels including fire suppression, training, prescribed burning, and response to other incidents as requested under the National Interagency Incidents Management System (“NIIMS”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Department has demonstrated to developing capacity and employees to provide assistance in fire suppression and other incidents managed through the NIIMS systems; and

WHEREAS, utilizing qualified tribal employees for fire suppression and related activities directly enhances tribal goals of providing increased employment opportunities for qualified tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the New Fire Cooperative Agreement provides an avenue for Tribal Forestry to participate as full partners in and all of fire response and provides the mechanism for financial reimbursement to the Tribe when qualified Tribal employees, equipment, and facilities are pre-approved and utilized through NIIMS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports and agrees to authorize a New Cooperative Agreement between the Tribe and Bureau to provide financial reimbursement to the Tribe for all fire related activities and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Fire Cooperative Agreement will be reviewed by the Bureau and Tribe’s Office of Attorney General prior to final authorization by the Tribal Chairman.

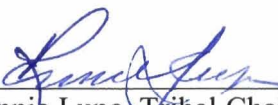
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

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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 **MARCH 15, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** 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

3/22/18
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

3/22/2018
Date