



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## ( Approving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Plan )

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**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) is entrusted by the Tribe’s Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) Program, a federally funded Social Services Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1998, Tribe has administered a TANF Program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economics Security Family Assistance Administration; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe’s Department of Social Services (“WMAT DSS”) presented its Tribal Family Assistance Plan (TFAP) to the Tribal Council for administrating the Tribe’s TANF Program for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 3, 2022 (the “Plan”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Plan provides for application and processing, eligibility, payment of benefits, time limits for receiving benefits, work requirements, support services, dispute resolution, fiscal accountability, data collection and reporting, retrocession and holidays; and

**WHEREAS,** the WMAT DSS has provided the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with an opportunity to comment on the Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** after careful review and consideration, the Tribal Council finds the Plan to be in the best interest of the Tribe as it provides much needed assistance to Tribal Members in need of such financial assistance.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the newly submitted Tribal Family Assistance Plan and authorizes its execution for the period beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2022, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to update and modify the plan as needed, provided that any substantive changes are subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council.

**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

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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.

The foregoing resolution was on **NOVEMBER 28, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** 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).

	12/4/18		12/5/18
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date