



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Tribe's Participation in the Rural Activation and Innovation Network's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Identity in Northern Arizona Communities Study)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe..."; and

WHEREAS, The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950, "To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare; and to secure the national defense..."; and

WHEREAS, The Rural Activation and Innovation Network ("RAIN"), an organization that promotes Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") education in rural Arizona has received an informal research grant from the National Science Foundation, which looks to evaluate the level of STEM identity within rural communities across Arizona. This inquiry is based around the following questions:

1. How do rural communities perceive, access, and engage in STEM learning?
2. How do individuals in rural areas perceive themselves and their community in relation to science and STEM?
3. What differences, if any, in ISE engagement (e.g., time spent, types of venues, etc.), STEM attitudes, perceptions and community identity, between and within cultural groups in rural settings?; and

WHEREAS, No individually identifiable information will be collected or disseminated in the course of this study; and

WHEREAS, The data collected from the study may benefit the Tribe and other rural Arizona communities in the form of increase funding for STEM-related education, projects, and opportunities for the Tribe's members; and

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WHEREAS, The Council have reviewed the proposal from RAIN and find that participation in the study is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

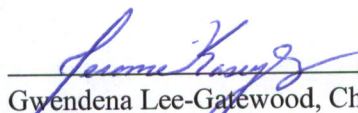
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Rural Activation and Innovation Network to gather and include data from the Fort Apache Indian in its Science Technology Engineering and Math (“STEM”) identity in Northern Arizona rural communities study, provided that no personally identifiable information will be collected, utilized or published.

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.

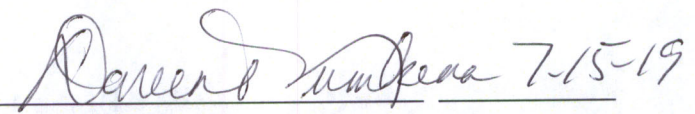
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on **JULY 3, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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 Date 15 Jul 19



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date 7-15-19