



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Increasing the Tribe's Game and Fish Department's Annual Budget by \$116,591.00 and Retaining 30% of Trophy Elk Hunt Revenues to that Department)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe..."; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe operates a Game and Fish Department, which is responsible for managing outdoor recreation, for protecting and improving game and fish habitat, and for promoting public safety and enforcing the Tribe's laws in wildlife areas on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** It has come to the Council's attention that Game and Fish is having difficulties recruiting and retaining qualified law enforcement personnel to serve as Rangers, in part because of the low salary rates that the Game and Fish Department can offer under current budgetary resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has also been made aware that the Game and Fish Department's vehicles, and other equipment, are in need of replacement and upgrade.
- WHEREAS,** The Director of the Game and Fish Department, this day, proposes and requests an increase in the Department's budget in the amount of \$116,591.00 to provide staff with pay rate increases, which will help with retaining current officers and recruiting more; and
- WHEREAS,** The Game and Fish Department has consistently been profitable, but has not benefitted as a department from its annual revenues; and
- WHEREAS,** To assist with program development including but not limited to recruitment and retention, and needed maintenance and upgrades to equipment, the Council finds that the Game and Fish Department should be permitted to retain one third of the annual revenues from trophy elk hunts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council also finds that the Game and Fish Department's budget request of an additional annual increase will help the Department meet its needs now and in the future, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

Resolution No. 11-2019-238

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe's Game and Fish Department's annual budget amount shall be increased to .

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.

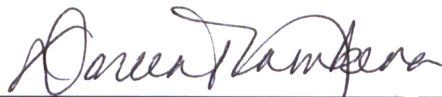
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 **NOVEMBER 19, 2019** 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).



11-25-19



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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date