



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Application by Ndee Bikiyaa' for USDA Agriculture Innovation Center Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To accept grants and donations from any person, State or the United States"; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has declared development of Ndee Bikiyaa' Tribal Farm and partners for support and technical assistance of community farmers as a high priority and one which the Council have determined to be beneficial and productive; and

WHEREAS, Funding assistance is needed by Ndee Bikiyaa' for salaries, benefits, supplies, consultants, and other needs; and

WHEREAS, The USDA Agriculture Innovation Center has announced the availability of up to \$1,000,000.00 for 2-year projects that support programs providing producer services, for which the Tribal Farm is eligible ("Grant"); and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the Grant carries a Tribal-match requirement of one-third of the awarded amount, which may be provided by the applicant in cash or by a third party in cash or through the third party's in-kind contribution; and

WHEREAS, Ndee Bikiyaa' has arranged with the Treasurer to meet the Tribal Match requirement; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has reviewed Ndee Bikiyaa's request, and finds that authorizing the Tribal Farm to apply for the USDA Agriculture Innovation Center Grant 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 and instructs Ndee Bikiyaa' to make a timely and complete submission of the USDA Agriculture Innovation Center grant application for March 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that and in the event that the Tribe receives grant funds from USDA, Ndee Bikiyaa' and the Treasurer are instructed to create a budget for receipt and expenditure of said funds, subject to the terms and conditions of any application funding agreement and review by the Tribe's Office of Attorney General.

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 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.

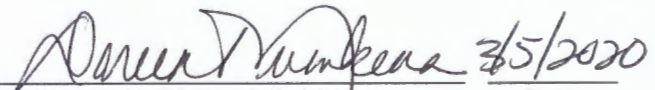
The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 4, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Tribal Chairwoman

3/4/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

3/5/2020
Date