



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Designating Tribal Treasurer as Applicant Agent for DEMA/FEMA Reimbursement Purposes)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribe Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “to represent the Tribe and act in all manner that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern regarding COVID-19 on January 30, 2020; US Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and the Tribe made an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020 which activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has halted all business operations after declaring an Emergency Declaration and subsequently declaring a Stay-at-Home Order for all Tribal employees and Tribal organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Council takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously and understands the Tribe’s economic well-being continues to be impacted by such closures; and

WHEREAS, Deron Peaches, Tribal Treasurer, has identified a reimbursement strategy through the Arizona Department of Military and Emergency Affairs (“DEMA”) for which the Tribe qualifies; and

WHEREAS, To apply for and administer such funds, the Tribe needs to designate the Tribal Treasurer as the applicant’s (Tribe) agent; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that appointing Tribal Treasurer Deron Peaches, at this time, to serve as the Tribe’s agent for the purposes of the DEMA/FEMA reimbursement program will allow the Tribe to pursue such funds and 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 designates Deron Peaches, Tribal Treasurer, as the Applicant Agent for the purposes of coordinating efforts through DEMA/FEMA for purposes of reimbursement under the WMAT COVID-19 Incident and all subsequent costs associated with responding to this incident.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby mandates all Tribal Department Directors and Program Supervisors, and other authorized agents of Tribal Organizations, to track and monitor their expenses associated with responding to the WMAT COVID-19 incident so long as it is consistent with the EOC and its Finance Chief's consent and authorization.

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.

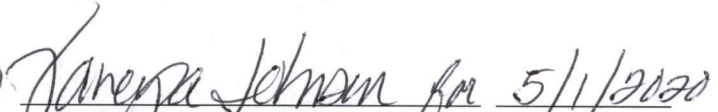
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 **APRIL 27, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

5/1/2020
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

5/1/2020
Date