



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Financial Assistance to Hon-Dah Resort-Casino due to COVID-19)

- 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 Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all manners that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** As of June 1, 2020, there are a total of 769 positive COVID-19 diagnoses on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”), with seven confirmed deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** On March 19, 2020, Hon-Dah Resort-Casino and Conference Center (“Hon-Dah Casino”) temporarily suspended operations to slow the spread of COVID-19 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has extended the closure of Tribal businesses until June 22, 2020, when the Tribe will consider adopting plans to re-open or further extend the closure, based upon the information and data received from the Emergency Operations Center, Indian Health Services, and Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe understands the important role that Hon-Dah Casino plays in the local economy and in providing jobs to area residents; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council understands the limitations and constraints placed on Hon-Dah Casino as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to provide financial assistance during this time.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves a payment of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to Hon-Dah Resort-Casino to help alleviate the entity’s financial burden due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Treasurer to ensure the payments are made from the quarterly proceeds from Carbon Credits.

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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 JUNE 2, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).

 6/8/2020  6/8/2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date