



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Designating Hon-Dah Hotel as an Additional Isolation and Quarantine Site)

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 to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to spread worldwide, including on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and

WHEREAS, As of this week, over 1,500 persons on the Reservation have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, No vaccine nor other effective treatment for this disease has yet been developed, making quarantine and social distancing best available mitigation strategy; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has established one isolation and quarantine site (“IQS”) in Whiteriver, but due to the continued increase in cases it has become necessary to designate another IQS; and

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that the hotel at Hon-Dah Resort and Casino be designated as an additional IQS; and

WHEREAS, The Council reviewed the proposal and find that designating Hon-Dah Resort’s hotel as an additional IQS will help provide more quarantine spaces to help prevent additional transmission of COVID-19, 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 the hotel at Hon-Dah Resort and Casino is hereby designated as an additional Isolation and Quarantine Site (“IQS”) until a more reasonable site is found.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe’s Emergency Operations Center shall conduct all the necessary preparations to make the Hon-Dah IQS operational as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that any member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and does not have a residence to self-isolate shall isolate at the Hon-Dah IQS.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Hon-Dah IQS shall also serve as a voluntary isolation site for those who wish to isolate away from others in order to avoid infecting their household members.

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 22, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstention 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).

	<u>6/24/2020</u>		<u>6/24/2020</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date