



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing the Purchase of COVID-19 Test Kits)

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**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 World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern regarding COVID-19 on January 30, 2020; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and the Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Service Whiteriver Service Unit has tested a total of 4,351 and as of June 21, 2020 there are a total of 1,495 COVID-19 positive tests and 2,689 negative tests; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) has requested that additional COVID-19 testing be conducted with the aid of Johns Hopkins Programs to order the test kits and the IHS Whiteriver Service Unit to assist with the collection of the test samples, shipment to the testing laboratory, and subsequent contact tracing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to authorize the purchase of additional test kits and to work with Johns Hopkins Programs and the Whiteriver Service Unit in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the Tribal communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes that funding shall be made available to purchase 300-400 COVID-19 test kits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Treasurer to work with the EOC on the purchase of the COVID-19 test kits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the EOC to do the following: (1) work with the Tribal Treasurer and Johns Hopkins Programs to purchase the additional COVID-19 test kits; (2) determine when and where testing will be deployed; and (3) work with the IHS Whiteriver Service Unit to collect test samples, ensure shipment to the testing laboratory; and subsequent contact tracing.

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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 22, 2020 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).

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