



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving a Mutual Aid Compact Between the Tribe and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with Federal law or this constitution, with any person, association, or corporation, with any municipality or any county, or with the State of Arizona or the United States, including agreements with the State of Arizona for rendition of public services”; and

**WHEREAS,** During emergency situations, it is vital for neighboring jurisdictions to be able to coordinate and collaborate on response efforts, including the sharing of resources; and

**WHEREAS,** To facilitate such cooperation, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs has proposed that the Tribe enter and the State of Arizona into the attached Mutual Aid Compact (“MAC”); and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the draft MAC, as provided by the State, and finds that its execution will provide benefits, including access to otherwise unavailable funding, while not obligating or legally binding the Tribe to provide otherwise needed resources during emergencies, and that its execution is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the execution of the Mutual Aid Compact with the State of Arizona’s Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Chairwoman or her designee to execute any and all documents needed for this purpose, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney General’s office.

**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.

**Resolution No. 07-2020-158**

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 8, 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).

	
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
<u>7/14/2020</u>	<u>7-14-2020</u>
Date	Date