



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

( Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Suzette Cameron Garcia on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation )

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**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Suzette Cameron Garcia, who was adopted by Fred and Linda (Alsenay) Chavez of the community of 7-Mile, has passed away; and

**WHEREAS,** The family requests authorization for Suzette Cameron Garcia to be buried at Whiteriver Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS,** Although Suzette Cameron Garcia was not a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tribal Council finds that the request made herein by her family should be granted; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe who extends their sympathy to the family; and

**WHEREAS,** Given the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency of the family's need to begin the funeral arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that the approval for assistance needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures from members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange the burial of Suzette Cameron Garcia at the Whiteriver Cemetery.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, the Resolution may be considered outside of the Tribal Council's regularly scheduled meeting and voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures from members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no



signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**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 JULY 28, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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).

 7/28/2020  7/28/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date

**Resolution No. 07-2020-170**

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No: 07-2020-170 initiated the 27 day of JULY, 2020. Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS) Indicated by Initials

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood 7/27/20 GLG TCS Initials  
Tribal Chairwoman  
Date Signed

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Jerome Kasey, III  
Vice Chairman  
Date Signed TCS Initials

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Arnold Beach, Sr.  
District I Council Member  
Date Signed TCS Initials

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Travis Tessay  
District I Council Member  
Date Signed TCS Initials

Jerold Altaha 7/28/2020 JAL TCS Initials  
District II Council Member  
Date Signed

Renaldo Dazen 27 July 2020 RD TCS Initials  
District II Council Member  
Date Signed

Aubrey Aday 07/28/2020 AA TCS Initials  
District III Council Member  
Date Signed

Alvin DeClay Sr. 07/27/20 AD TCS Initials  
District III Council Member  
Date Signed

Gary Alcheyay 07-27-20 GA TCS Initials  
District IV Council Member  
Date Signed

Alvena Bush 7/28/2020 AB TCS Initials  
District IV Council Member  
Date Signed

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Kasey Velasquez  
District IV Council Member  
Date Signed TCS Initials

ATTEST:  
Doreen T. Numkena 7/28/2020  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary  
Date Signed