



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving a COVID-19 Alert System and Phased Reopening Plan)

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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(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 World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern regarding COVID-19 on January 30, 2020; 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 Emergency Declaration activated the Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) related to the COVID-19 incident, who are charged with responding to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** The EOC has implemented several prevention and mitigation strategies including three designated Isolation and Quarantine Sites, an EOC Food Distribution Site, and Case Management under the Community Health Representatives (“CHR”); and
- WHEREAS,** The EOC, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Johns Hopkins University (“JHU”), and Indian Health Services (“IHS”) have drafted the COVID-19 Alert System and Phased Reopening Plan (“Reopening Plan”), which was released to the public on social media and at the EOCs various A-frames information boards throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS,** The EOC, this day, presents the Reopening Plan to the Council for their approval; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council have reviewed the Reopening Plan and find that it is sufficient and appropriate, and that its approval and subsequent implementation, after certain gating criteria have been met, will help the Tribe safely resume activities 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, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of all Tribal members, it hereby approves the COVID-19 Alert System

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and Phased Reopening Plan for implementation after those gating criteria identified by the EOC and the Tribe's public health advisors have been met.

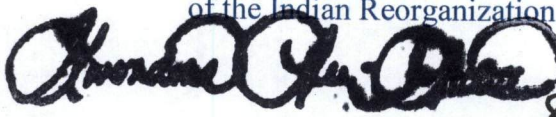
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Treasurer shall allocate the appropriate funds from the Cares Act needed to affect the purposes of this Resolution.

**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.

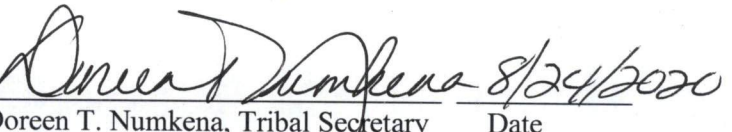
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 5, 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

8/24/2020  
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

8/24/2020  
Date



## White Mountain Apache Tribe Re-Opening Phases

### Phase One:

- Essential Departments and Employees
- Departments may resume maintenance work
- Outdoor Work may resume
- Construction Work may resume.
- Departments open to the public by appointment only
- All program and department supervisors, coordinators and directors report back to work
- Tribal member Fishing Allowed
- Tribal member hunting allowed, including antlers
- Woodcutting allowed if no red flag warnings

### Phase Two:

- Everybody back to work with modified, staggered, rotations
- Open to the public by appointment only
- Drive up church services
- Traditional Massages allowed with less than 10

### Emergency Phase:

- Emergency Operation Center Activated
- Essential Employees Only
- Stay at home order in place

\*\*\*14 days of downward trajectory or stable low case counts between each phase with no Shelter in Place activation will determine movement to the next phase.

### Phase Three:

- Everybody back to work with modified, staggered, rotations
- Open up to the Public
- Drive up church services
- Traditional Massages allowed with less than 10

### Phase Four:

- 0 new cases over period of time
- Tailgate Opens
- Big Events with more than 10 people allowed
- Rodeos Allowed
- Regular Church may resume
- Sunrise Dances may resume
- Outdoor Sports allowed
- Wakes may resume

### New 'Normal':

- Vaccine available
- Treatment available
- All restrictions lifted

At anytime during this reopening process, that a Shelter at Home Order is activated, employees will automatically go back to the Emergency Phase at restart the reopening back at phase one.

*All precautionary measures (social distancing of 6 ft apart, mask wearing, wiping down commonly use areas and frequent hand washing) and curfew hrs. will remain in effect throughout all phases, unless otherwise stated.*