



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Sharon Tillis-Aldrich on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Sharon Tillis-Aldrich, who was raised in McNary on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, but non-member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has passed; and

**WHEREAS,** The family requests that the Tribal Council authorize for the decedent to be buried at the McNary Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of funeral arrangements, the Council further finds that this burial request needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Council personally; (3) the absence of a signature by a Council member shall count as a vote in opposition to this Resolution; and (4) that the 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 their vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, pending the meeting of the below walkthrough criteria, it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange the burial of Sharon Tillis-Aldrich in the McNary Cemetery.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be 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) by the Tribal Council Secretary's attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, and that (c) the absence of a signature by a Council member shall count as a vote in opposition to this Resolution, and (d) that 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

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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 **DECEMBER 29, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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).

	<u>12/29/2020</u>		<u>12/29/2020</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution Initiated the 29nd day of December, 2020.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood  
Tribal Chairwoman  
12/23/2020  
Date Signed  
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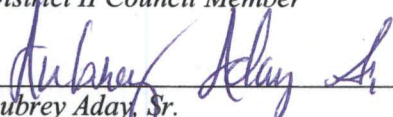
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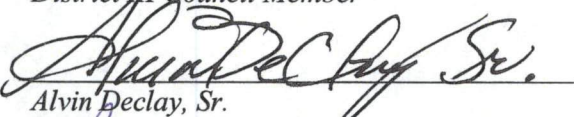
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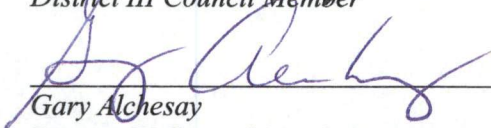
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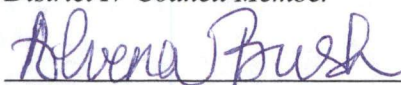
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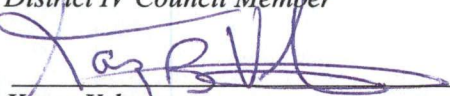
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District II Council Member  
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Aubrey Aday, Sr.  
District III Council Member  
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Alvena Bush  
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Kasey Velasquez  
District IV Council Member  
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ATTEST:  
  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

12-29-2020  
Date Signed