



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

**(Approving High School Research Study by Tribal Member Dylan Baca,  
Regarding Voter Participation Amongst Members of the White Mountain  
Apache Tribe)**

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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 matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and
- WHEREAS,** Dylan Baca, a Tribal member student at Blue Ridge High School, requests approval to conduct a research study to complete his Advanced Placement (“AP”) Research class; and
- WHEREAS,** The purpose of the study is to learn about political participation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** Participation in the study will be on a voluntary basis, and participants will be interviewed by the researcher; and
- WHEREAS,** The interviews will consist of a discussion involving 6 to 8 participants on topics related to socioeconomic status, and voter participation in Tribal and non-Tribal elections. Questions will also include values participants have regarding voting and elections, employment status, access to voting, and cultural influences; and
- WHEREAS,** Interview participants will include only White Mountain Apache Tribal members who currently reside within the confines of the Reservation. Names and data will be kept confidential following ethical guidelines established by the requirements of the College Board and the AP Research program; and
- WHEREAS,** The research will not be published, but will be provided to the Tribe once completed to support its data on political engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** The researcher will adhere to COVID-19 related protocols and safety measures during the course of the interviews; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Department of Education and the Indian Education Board met with Dylan Baca, voted in support of his AP English research paper, and provided a letter of support to the Tribal Council; and

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**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council supports the educational endeavors of Tribal member children and finds that approving Dylan Baca's high school research proposal will benefit the Tribe and its members by contributing to the Tribe's data on political participation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Dylan Baca to conduct research in the form of interviews on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the fulfillment of his AP Research class at Blue Ridge High School.

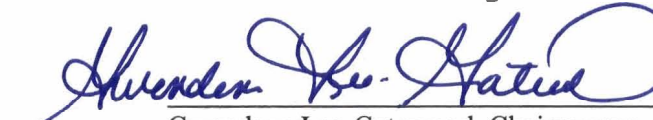
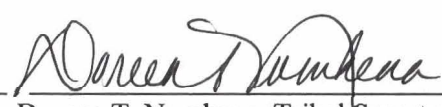
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a summary of research results in writing once the research is completed.

**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 **MARCH 3, 2021** 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
3-4-21	3-5-2021
Date	Date