



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving of and Supporting the Efforts of Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí to Publish Children’s Books in the Apache Language)

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, In the Fort Apache Indian Reservation community, there is a great interest in reclaiming the Apache language and upholding the Apache way of life; and

WHEREAS, Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí is a group of community stakeholders including the Nohwike’ Bágowa Museum staff, Apache language teachers, the regional librarian for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, elders from the community and members of the First Things First White Mountain Apache Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí encourages White Mountain Apache children from birth to 5 years of age to read and learn our language through children’s books specific to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí has identified Star Bright Books Inc., an independent publishing company dedicated to producing the highest quality books for children as a partner in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí will translate books from English to Ndee Biyati; and

WHEREAS, Star Bright Books will publish books in Ndee Biyati; and

WHEREAS, The First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will pay for 500 books to be distributed; and

WHEREAS, Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí will identify how the books are distributed to young children and families; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the efforts by Chagháshé Ndee Biyátí to preserve the Apache language are worthy of the Tribe’s support and assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe hereby acknowledges and support the translation, production and distribution of books to support the learning of the Apache language and literacy.

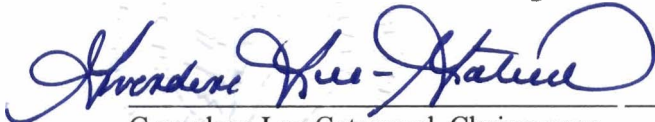

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues 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 **TEN** 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).

	<u>3.4.21</u>		<u>3-5-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date