



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Beverly Wright Cosay on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Beverly Wright Cosay, a non-member spouse of Tribal member Debson Cosay, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for numerous years has passed away, and that her family desires for her to be buried on the Reservation at Morning Dove Cemetery in Cedar Creek; 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 Cosay family; and

WHEREAS, Given the urgency of funeral services, the Tribal Council further finds that the burial assistance request 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 for 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 Beverly Wright Cosay at Morning Dove Cemetery in Cedar Creek, AZ on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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 Chairman 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 for 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

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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 APRIL 19, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood 4.20.21 *Doreen Numkena* 4/20/2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date