



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Tribe to Apply for Congressionally Directed Spending Request up to \$10 Million, to be Utilized for Extension of a Broadband Fiber Line from Fort Apache to Cedar Creek, Carrizo and Cibecue)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Mark Kelly’s office held a short informational meeting with Tribal representatives on Thursday May 13 regarding a funding opportunity in the form of a congressionally directed spending request to which the Tribe may be eligible, up to the amount of \$10 million; and
- WHEREAS,** The application deadline is Wednesday, May 19th at 11:59 P.M. EST; and
- WHEREAS,** At a meeting Monday morning, May 17, 2021, with White Mountain Apache Housing Authority, law enforcement, EMS, Hon-Dah Resort Casino, local schools and Indian Health Service, it was determined that the best immediate use for these funds would be to extend the Reservation’s broadband internet infrastructure to the communities of Cedar Creek, Carrizo and Cibecue; and
- WHEREAS,** As approved by Council Resolution No. 03-2021-56, and funded through the E-Rate program, a 94-wire fiber line from Pinetop, AZ to Theodore Roosevelt School will be completed in the summer of 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** With this new funding announcement, the Tribe has the opportunity to extend fast and reliable broadband infrastructure to its most rural communities, providing new educational, medical and business opportunities to Tribal members in those areas, and to improve internet service Reservation-wide; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Office of the Attorney General, with assistance from the Information Technology Department is preparing a proposal application which must be submitted online at Senate.gov by the deadline; and

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WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the proposal and finds that approving the submission of the application to Senator Mark Kelly's office for the congressionally directed spending request up to the amount of \$10 million is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; 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 the Tribe is hereby authorized to apply to Senator Mark Kelly's office for the congressionally directed spending request up to the amount of \$10 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that should the request be approved and the funds awarded, the Tribal Treasurer is hereby instructed to create an account and budget for receipts and expenditures thereof.

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 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.

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The foregoing resolution was on MAY 19, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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 5-19-2021 Doreen T. Numkena 5-19-2021
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 No: initiated the 19th day of May 2021 .

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)

Indicated by Initials

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Tribal Chairwoman

5-19-2021
Date Signed

DTN TCS Initials

Jerome Kasey III
Jerome Kasey III
Vice Chairman

5-19-2021
Date Signed

DTN TCS Initials *see attached.*

Arnold Beach, Sr.
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District I Council Member

Date Signed

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Travis Tessay
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District I Council Member

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Jerold Altaha
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District II Council Member

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Renaldo Dazen
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Aubrey Aday
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District III Council Member

Date Signed

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Alvin Declay, Sr.
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District III Council Member

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Gary Alchesay
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District IV Council Member

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Kasey Velasquez
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ATTEST:

Doreen T. Numkena
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

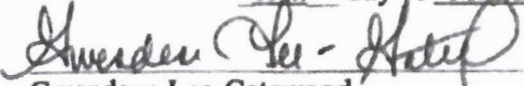
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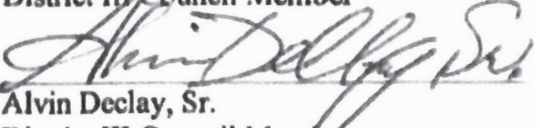
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