



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Archive Tribal Social Services' Inactive Client Files)**

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution"; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("Bureau"), pursuant to Public Law 93-638, to provide social services to the Tribe's members; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, the Tribe contracts with the Bureau for General Assistance, Adult Care Assistance, Child Assistance, Burial Assistance and Emergency Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Social Services, this day, informed the Council of the challenges it faces with managing and storing large amounts of its inactive client files, including the limited space Tribal Social Services has to securely store client files; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau notified Tribal Social Services that it can archive Tribal Social Services' client files for long-term retention upon request from the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Allowing the Bureau to archive Tribal Social Services' inactive client files will allow Tribal Social Services to better manage its active client files while also securely storing inactive files in a centralized location that is readily retrievable, if needed; and

WHEREAS, The Council understands the need and importance of the Bureau archiving Tribal Social Services' inactive client files and finds that making this request will help Tribal Social Services conserve office space, while preserving the Tribe's access to client files, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to make this request.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby request that the Bureau assist Tribal Social Services by annually archiving Tribal Social Services' inactive client files that are 5 years old and older.

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.

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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 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 JUNE 2, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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>6.2.21</u>		<u>6-2-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date