



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Temporarily Amending the Tribe's Higher Education Policy and Procedure Manual)

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes"; and

WHEREAS, The current Higher Education Policy Manual ("Policy") was approved by Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-2002-40; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, to assist tribal students during the pandemic, Council enacted Tribal Resolutions 08-2020-200 and 11-2020-274; and

WHEREAS, The current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has created ongoing issues and concerns for tribal members wanting to pursue to their higher education goals which the Office of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Higher Education, this day, recommends the following amendment to the Policy and additional measures:

1. Amend the Higher Education Policy Manual to allow all students to be eligible to receive summer funding in accordance with current policy requirement;
2. Extend the current summer funding deadline from May 20, 2021 to June 18, 2021 for this current summer term only;
3. Allow the Office of Higher Education to review, approve, and make awards rather than the Scholarship Review Committee, for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year, for the purpose of expediting awards and notifications;
4. Allow the Office of Higher Education to hear and render decisions on student appeals and allow students to appeal any decision of the Office of Higher Education to the Tribal Education Director who will have final say in the matter so long as the decision doesn't contradict current Higher Education Policies not affected by this Resolution;
5. Waive all requirements for students to submit an official transcript for the Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 terms respectively with the understanding that an unofficial is still required;
6. Mandate that the Office of Higher Education review and update the entire Higher Education Policy to reflect current trends in higher education, with a firm deadline of the regular monthly Council meeting in October 2021.

Resolution No. 06-2021-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the following request, as presented:

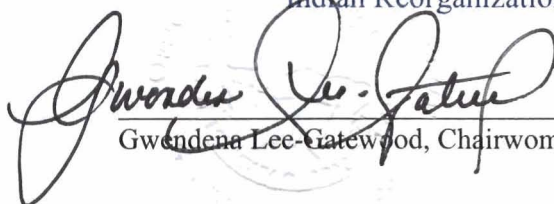
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues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


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman 6.2.21 Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary 6-2-2021 Date