



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$1,000,000 of the Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Small Business and Entrepreneur Grant program)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(k) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To appropriate tribal funds for tribal purposes..."; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe received Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal government as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117-2)("ARPA"), which are intended to provide support of state, local and tribal governments in responding to the impacts of COVID-19, and in their efforts to contain the spread of this disease amongst their communities; and

WHEREAS, Among eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds, provided for in federal guidelines, include responding to the economic or financial harms resulting from the public health emergency, at page 28 of the Interim Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, The above purpose of Fiscal Recovery Funds will be served by the proposed allocation in the form of a grant made available to small business and those wishing to find employment elsewhere through entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that utilizing \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds for the grant program is an advisable and allowable use of these funds, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby allocates \$1,000,000 of the Tribe's ARPA funds for the grant program for small businesses and entrepreneurship.

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.

Resolution No. 10-2021-218

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 18, 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 - Hatue 10.19.21 Doreen T. Numkena 10-19-2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date