



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating ARPA Funds to Make Relief Payment to Tribal Employees)

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 funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2020 (the “ARPA”) to assist in mitigating and responding to the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Code of Federal Regulations, 31 CFR Part 35 authorizes household assistance and individual payments to members of populations facing negative economic impact due to the pandemic, so long as those payments are proportionate to the COVID relief payments issued to individuals by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that the Tribe allocate a portion of its ARPA funds to provide a \$500.00 relief payment to employees of the Tribe, including employees who currently work part-time, to mitigate continuing hardships caused by COVID-19 and its variants; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that allocating ARPA funds for the purpose of providing a \$500.00 relief payment to Tribal employees 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 a portion of its ARPA funds to provide a \$500.00 relief payment to employees of the Tribe who are full-time or part-time.

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. 12-2021-273

The foregoing resolution was on **DECEMBER 15, 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 12.17.21 *Doreen T. Numkena* 12.17.2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date