



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue to Apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for the “Adequate Fire and Emergency Response” Grant in the Amount of \$5,896,280.00)

- 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,** White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue (WMAFR”), which is tasked with fighting structure fires within all populated areas of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is severely understaffed, which affects its ability to effectively and safely accomplish its mission and meet National Fire Protection Standards; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Federal Emergency Management Agency has announced the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (“SAFER Grant”), which provides funding for fire departments to hire and maintain additional staffing for up to four years, which does not require any Tribal match; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAFR, this day, seeks authorization from the Council to apply for the SAFER Grant, in the amount of \$5,896,280.00 to hire 15 firefighter/EMTs and 3 Battalion Chiefs and provide them 4 years’ salary, fringe and retirement benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that authorizing WMAFR to apply for the FEMA SAFER GRANT will help the Tribe better respond to fire emergencies and better protect property and life, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Given that this grant deadline fall in between Council meetings, the Tribal Council further finds that this authorization needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The 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 means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (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

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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 White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue is hereby authorized and instructed to make a complete and timely submission on the Tribe's behalf to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's SAFER Grant, in the amount of \$5,896,280.00, to hire 15 firefighter/EMTs and 3 Battalion Chiefs and provide them 4 years' salary, fringe and retirement benefits.

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 Chairwoman 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 in the event that the grant is awarded to the Tribe, the Tribal Treasurer is instructed to establish an account for expenditures and receipts thereunder.

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.

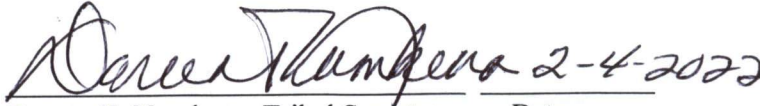
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 **FEBRUARY 4, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of 6 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

4 Feb 22
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

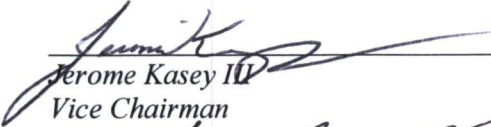
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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution Initiated the 4th day of FEBRUARY 2022.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Tribal Chairwoman

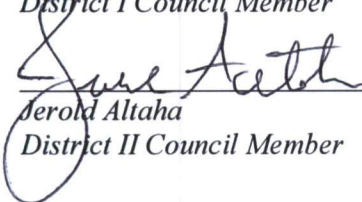


Date Signed 4 Feb 22 JK TCS Initials
Jerome Kasey III
Vice Chairman



Date Signed Feb 4, 2022 AB TCS Initials
Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member


Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Travis J. Tessay, Sr.
District I Council Member



Date Signed 2-4-22 JA TCS Initials
Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member

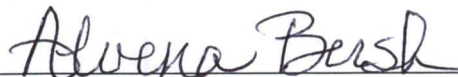
Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Aubrey Aday, Sr.
District III Council Member

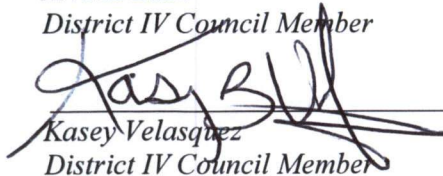


Date Signed 02-04-22 AD TCS Initials
Alvin Declay, Sr.
District III Council Member

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Gary Alchesay
District IV Council Member



Date Signed 2/4/2022 AB TCS Initials
Alvena Bush
District IV Council Member



Date Signed 2-4-2022 KV TCS Initials
Kasey Velasquez
District IV Council Member

ATTEST:



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

2-4-2022

Date Signed