



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing and Endorsing Applications by the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Grant Competitions to Fund (1) a Portion of the Redevelopment of the Former Theodore Roosevelt School Boy's Dormitory [Indigenous Communities Program, EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS] and (2) Phase One of the Interpretation and Visitor Experience Plan [Travel, Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Program, EDA-2021-ARPATOURISM], Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe..."; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has, since the 1969 creation of the Nohwike' Bagowa Museum and Cultural Center ("Museum"), sustained national and regional leadership in cultural resource conservation and community- and visitor-driven historic preservation and economic development at Fort Apache; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs co-nominated the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School historic district as a National Historic Landmark, and United States Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar's March 6, 2012 formal designation of the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark recognizes the district's 26 historic buildings and approximately 300 acres and as a high-integrity and nationally significant embodiment and reflection of more than ten decades of United States policy targeting American Indian sovereignty, land, culture, and education; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council chartered the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation ("Foundation") in 1998 as a nonprofit subsidiary of the Tribe that is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) corporation and exists to assist in managing the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark and the Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark and to otherwise provide technical, financial, and other support to the Tribe's heritage perpetuation and economic and community development efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has provided advice and subsequently has endorsed many Foundation proposals and applications, including the 2014 *Fort Apache Master Plan*, a vision for Fort Apache to become the Tribe's Community Center and hub for an integrated blend of

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economic development, cultural, educational, and wellness programming (“*Master Plan*”); and

- WHEREAS,** The Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) entered into between the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation Inc., authorizes the Foundation to seek, negotiate, and complete grants and contracts to further its chartered mission, fulfill the *Master Plan* objectives, and generally create benefits and opportunities for the White Mountain Apache People and Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Foundation has faithfully pursued its charter and fulfilled its obligations pursuant to the Foundation-Tribe MOA through efficient and effective supervision of over \$8 million in grants and contracts dedicated to the preservation and redevelopment of Fort Apache for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache people, including the rehabilitation of the majority of the 26 historic buildings that immeasurably contribute to the national-level significance and integrity of the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark; and
- WHEREAS,** The Foundation’s team of consulting architects and engineers has produced detailed construction plans and cost estimates for the comprehensive rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the former Theodore Roosevelt School Boy’s Dormitory (“Boy’s Dorm”), to provide a much-needed hub that integrates commercial, conference, studio, and residential spaces (“*Work to Thrive*”); and
- WHEREAS,** The *Work to Thrive* project will redevelop the largest of Fort Apache’s historic buildings to serve the Tribe’s community as a center for enterprise, and workforce development; and
- WHEREAS,** The Foundation has secured a \$100,000 planning grant from the United States National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” program and is currently designing the next phase of Fort Apache Interpretation and Visitor Experience Plan (“FAIVE Plan”) on the basis of advice and direction from Apache art, culture, and community leaders and expert assistance from Scottsdale-based Swaback Partners and New York City-based Thinc Design; and
- WHEREAS,** Initial implementation of the FAIVE Plan will reconfigure and present the entire Fort Apache District for the first time as an integrated community, including substantial investments in interpretive media, redevelopment of the Cultural Center, upgrades to roads, parking, and pedestrian trails, and expanded community recreation and cultural facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Implementation of the Boy’s Dorm Work to Thrive project and FAIVE Plan, the next two large projects required to advance the *Master Plan*, require funding far in excess of sources readily available to the Foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) has recently opened a major grant funding opportunity well suited to finance a large portion of the Work to Thrive redevelopment of the Boy’s Dorm (Indigenous Communities Program, EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS); and

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WHEREAS, EDA has also opened a separate grant funding opportunity well-suited to finance the initial phase of the FAIVE Plan for interpretation and visitor experience (Travel, Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Program, EDA-2021-ARPATOURISM), and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2022, at a special meeting of the WMAT Tribal Council, Foundation CEO Krista Beazley, Foundation Board Secretary John R. Welch, and other Foundation Board members appeared before the Tribal Council to present for due consideration by the Council, a proposal to finance the Work to Thrive and FAIVE projects with a combination of EDA and non-EDA funds; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that supporting the Foundation's application will help it successfully apply for the EDA grant funding opportunity, 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 authorizes and endorses the Foundation's proposal to submit a grant application for approximately \$5,000,000 to the EDA Indigenous Communities Program (EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS) to fund a large portion of the *Work to Thrive* project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses the Foundation proposal to submit a grant, also for approximately \$5,000,000, to the EDA Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Program (EDA-2021-ARPATOURISM), to fund implementation of the initial phase of the FAIVE Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs and authorizes Foundation officials to negotiate with EDA officials and to and execute grant agreements to advance the *Master Plan*, keeping the Attorney General and THPO apprised of all significant developments and requesting their assistance, as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs and authorizes Foundation officials to continue consultations and engagements with the director and staff of the Nohwike' Bagowa Museum and Cultural Center, with the Theodore Roosevelt School Board and Superintendent, and with other Fort Apache stakeholders to optimize the benefits and minimize costs and concerns with the implementation of the Master Plan, the Work to Thrive Project, and the FAIVE Plan.

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 it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, 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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The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 7, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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

2/10/22
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

2/10/22
Date