



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving White Mountain Apache Tribe Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program Tribal Family Assistance Plan)

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 federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) federally-funded Social Services Assistance Program Programs; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, the Tribe has administered its own TANF Program, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economics Security Family Assistance Administration; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Department of Social Services (“DSS”), this day, presents for approval its Tribal Family Assistance Plan (“TFAP”) to the Tribal Council for administrating the Tribe’s TANF Program for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 3, 2025 (the “Plan”)(attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The Plan provides for application and processing, eligibility, payment of benefits, time limits for receiving benefits, work requirements, support services, dispute resolution, fiscal accountability, data collection and reporting, retrocession and holidays; and

WHEREAS, DSS has provided the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with an opportunity to comment on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, After careful review and consideration, the Council finds that approving the Plan is in the best interest of the Tribe as it provides much needed assistance to Tribal members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Tribal Family Assistance Plan and authorizes its execution for the period beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to update and modify the plan as needed, provided that any substantive changes are subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council.

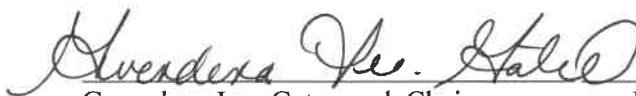

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting 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, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 14, 2022** 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).

 2.17.22  2/17/2022
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date