



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Department of Planning to apply for Energy and Mineral Development Program Grants, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, in the Estimated Amount of Between \$10,000 and \$2,500,000)

- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation (“Constitution”), *inter alia*, 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 Constitution also provides, at Article IV, Section (j) that the Council shall exercise the power “To accept grants and donations from any person, State or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe has asked the Planning Department to seek grant funds for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe Planning Department has identified grant opportunities in the form of the Energy and Mineral Development Program (“the Grant”) solicited by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and this day proposes to apply for it; and
- WHEREAS,** The Grants to be considered will include consulting technical assistance funding to identify, evaluate or assess possible renewable energies and mineral resources available to the White Mountain Apache Tribe located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The specific areas of interest for the purpose of this Grant include biomass, solar, and wind; and
- WHEREAS,** If awarded, the funding in the estimated amount of between \$10,000.00 and \$2,500,000.00 will be used to assist in developing feasibility assessment and study to evaluate the possibility of reasonable future development of renewable energies; and
- WHEREAS,** The Grant does not require a match requirement; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that the Grant will, if awarded, help the Tribe with providing new sources of renewable energy that is beneficial for Tribal members, and the White Mountain Apache Tribal government, and businesses, organizations, and other enterprises operating on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Planning Department to submit the following grant: **Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP), offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is interested in conducting pre-development research, inventories and assessments, feasibility studies, and other pre-development studies necessary to process, use and develop energy and mineral resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is interested in understanding the possibilities and impact extent on development of energy and mineral resource development resources and their uses including, but not limited to biomass (woody and waste) for heat or electricity, transportation fuels, hydroelectric, solar, or wind generation, geothermal heating or electricity production, district heating, other forms of distributed energy generation, oil, natural gas, helium, sand and gravel, coal, precious minerals, and base minerals (lead, copper, zinc, etc.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is interested in the possibility of projects that may or may not include: initial resource exploration; defining potential targets for development; performing a market analysis to establish production/demand; performing economic evaluation and analysis of the resource; baseline studies related to energy and mineral projects; and other pre-development studies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is interested in pre-development studies be conducted utilizing inter-departmental collaborative team members having shared interests, expertise, and skills by which the overall project management will be led by the Department of Planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event a project is funded from the EMDP grant program, it is a requirement of the grant to provide certain aspects of the award available for public release, with the exception of proprietary data or reports; of which, will be negotiated between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the EMDP representative.

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 Chairman, or in his 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 MAY 5, 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

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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).

Kasey B Velazquez 5-7-2022 Vaneysa Johnson 5/6/2022
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date