



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Approving Enrollment of Hanna Jewel Cosen and Extending Customary Tribal Member Burial Assistance to the Family on her Behalf)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1 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 been advised that Tribal member Bettina Beatty gave birth to a child named Hanna Jewel Cosen, who was born alive on May 22, 2022 and deceased later on the same day; and
- WHEREAS,** Both parents of the deceased child, Bettina Beatty and Maurice Cosen, are enrolled members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Enrollment Committee met on May 25, 2022, and determined that the deceased child meet the requirements for enrollment (see attached statement from Office of Vital Records); and
- WHEREAS,** By Resolution No. 06-2020-140, the Council authorized burial assistance payments on behalf of deceased Tribal members in the amount of \$2,500.00; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council extends its sincere sympathy to the Cosen and Beatty families, and finds it appropriate and in the best interests of the Tribe to approve the enrollment recommendation and approve burial assistance at this time; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of funeral arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that this matter 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 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 it hereby approves Tribal enrollment of the late Hanna Jewel Cosen (d/o/b and d/o/d May 23, 2020), and burial assistance in the amount of \$2,500.00, with payment to be made in her behalf to mortuary of the family’s choice.

**Resolution No. 05-2022-147**


**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 Chairman 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 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 26, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 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).

 5-27-2022  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

 5/27/2022  
Xaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date