



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's FY2023 Region 9 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program)

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, The Tribe's Environmental Protection Office is charged with monitoring and assisting the Tribe with compliance with federal and Tribal environmental laws, and protecting the Fort Apache Indian Reservation's ("Reservation") environment; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is offering the FY2023 Region 9 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Grant ("Grant"), which funds tribal projects for up to four years and does not require a tribal match; and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the Grant funds, with no tribal match requirement, can be used for management of the EPO office, including salaries, rent and supplies, and community outreach for Tribal Earth week and other public activities, remediate 4 dump sites, and continue bulky waste program, including two waste tire collection events; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed EPO's request and finds that authorizing EPO to apply for the Grant will allow the Tribe's EPO to continue operating and providing necessary services, 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 the Environmental Protection Office is hereby authorized to apply for the EPA FY2023 Region 9 Indian Environmental General Assistance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, EPO is hereby instructed to work with the Tribal Treasurer to establish an account for receipts and expenditures thereof.

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.

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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 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 **JUNE 1, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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).

Kasey B. Velasquez 6/7/22

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Date

Vaneysa Johnson 6/7/2022

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date