



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving Data Sharing Agreement Between the Tribe's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and the Arizona Department of Economic Security)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description... including agreements with the State of Arizona for rendition of public services"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program provides vital food and economic resources to families with children on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe's TANF Program has received one-time pandemic emergency response supplemental funding, which it wishes to make available to participants in eligible households residing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, but it needs certain information from Arizona Department of Economic Security to process the payments; and

**WHEREAS,** The transfer of that information will be made pursuant to the terms of a data sharing agreement (the "Agreement") (attached and incorporated herein), which will remain in effect until September 30, 2022, to allow this one-time distribution of emergency relief funds; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the Agreement and finds that its approval will safeguard the information of Tribal member TANF recipients, while permitting them to receive this one-time disbursement of funds, 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 attached data sharing agreement between the Tribe's TANF program and the Arizona Department of Economic Security for the purpose of exchanging information to enable a one-time pandemic emergency relief payment is hereby approved.

**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 **JULY 6, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

			
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman White Mountain Apache Tribe	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date