



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Granting Tribal Relinquishment Request of Celeste Alyssa Cosay)

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article II, Section 2 that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall The Council shall have the power to pass ordinances which are consistent with and pursuant to this constitution governing future membership, loss of membership, and all other necessary procedures of enrollment; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Enrollment Code, at Chapter Seven, provides for relinquishment of membership in the Tribe by enrolled members; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Member, Celeste Alyssa Cosay, has requested that her enrollment membership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe be relinquished so that she may become eligible for enrollment with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Enrollment Committee reviewed and approved the relinquishment request at a duly called meeting, and this day presents it to Council for approval, as required by Section I-503(A) of the Enrollment Code; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that approving the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee granting the relinquishment of Celeste Alyssa Cosay will free her to be enrolled in the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, per her own request, 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 it hereby grants the Tribal relinquishment request of Celeste Alyssa Cosay, along with any and all privileges given to members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe such as, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and recreational privileges upon the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Office of Vital Records to remove Celeste Alyssa Cosay from the membership rolls of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- 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.

***Resolution No. 07-2022-190***

**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 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 SEVEN for and ONE against with ZERO abstaining 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).

	<u>7/8/22</u>		<u>7/8/22</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary	Date