



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to Apply for a Freeport-McMoran Foundation Grant to Perform a Cultural Heritage Survey of the Bonito Prairie Prescribed Burn Area)

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 Historic Preservation Office was established by the tribal council in 1996, and it assumed all responsibilities previously administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, including the management, compliance, and inventory of the Tribe’s cultural heritage resources and historic buildings on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoran Foundation offers grants related to cultural preservation to tribes and non-profit organizations that work with tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office proposes to apply for a grant with the Freeport-McMoran Foundation, to conduct archaeological survey to protect and preserve cultural heritage resources the Bonito Prairie Prescribed Burn Project (grant proposal attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Office employs Ndee principles, values, terms, and qualified personnel to manage heritage resources, and further documents, assess, and conserves Ndee heritage sites and objects located within and adjacent to both current Tribal lands and Ndee territory; and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the Grant does not require a tribal match nor waiver of the Tribe’s immunity; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed Historic Preservation Office’s grant proposal and finds that authorizing it to apply for the Freeport-McMoran Foundation grant will enable the Tribe to inventory cultural resources in the Bonito Prairie Prescribed Burn area, 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 authorizes and instructs the Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office to make a timely and complete application for grant funding from the Freeport-McMoran Foundation, to implement the archaeological survey for the proposed Bonito Prairie Prescribe Burn Project on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that should the grant be awarded, the Historic Preservation Office and the Tribal Treasurer shall collaborate to establish accounts and budgets for receipts and expenditures thereunder.

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.

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The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 3, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against, and TWO 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 8.5.22
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Vaneysa Johnson 8/8/22
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date