



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Renaming “Squaw Creek” to “Aspen Creek”)

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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(a) 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 Tribe's Game & Fish Department was awarded a Tribal Wildlife Grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the construction of a fish barrier in Squaw Creek. The term “squaw” is a derogatory term that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Game & Fish Department proposes to implement procedures to remove the term from usage on Tribal lands and water and find a replacement name that respects our cultural heritage and honors our ancestors who have stewarded our lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Game & Fish Department offers for consideration the name “Aspen Creek” to replace the derogatory slur; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that replacing this derogatory name with one that better reflects the Tribe and its location is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the name “Squaw Creek” shall hereby replaced with the name “Aspen Creek”, and henceforth shall be referred to as such by all Tribal Departments, signs, maps, and official publications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe’s Game and Fish shall notify the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Arizona, Google Maps and Apple Maps to inform them of this name change, and instruct them to reflect this change in all future maps and publications and documents.

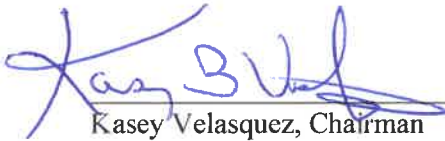
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**Resolution No. 08-2022-223**

**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 AUGUST 15, 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 Velasquez, Chairman

8/12/22  
Date

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

8/23/2022  
Date