



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Submission of Fiscal Year 2023 USDA Rural Business Development Grant Application in the Amount of \$500,000.00 for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Tribal Enterprise Capital Investment Plan)

- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”), *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribal economy has observed symptoms of collapse as tribal businesses, educational institutions, healthcare, and the tribal government organization have closed or restricted operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in revenue losses, workforce shortages, disruption of services to customers, clients and communities, devastating the regional economy, and placing the White Mountain Apache Tribal economic health in serious jeopardy; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council understands that capital investment planning could reduce the disastrous economic impact of COVID-19 and reverse the economic crisis it has created on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, through improvements in the Tribal enterprises’ operating performance, enabling the tribal enterprises to reach new customers and markets, to offer new products and services, to generate significant employment opportunities and revenue increases, potentially resulting in reduced costs, increased sales growth, and higher levels of profitability for the tribal enterprises; and
- WHEREAS,** USDA Rural Business Development Grant assistance will create opportunities for tribal people to develop innovative ways to earn a living and serve their community needs by empowering the White Mountain Apache people to pursue entrepreneurship; and
- WHEREAS,** USDA Rural Business Development Grant assistance in the amount of \$500,000.00 is necessary to also complete a Tribal Enterprise Capital Investment Plan, which will include business development objectives and development alternatives, capital investment plans, conceptual site and facility design schematics, preliminary development cost estimates, market and financial feasibility analysis, proposed financing strategy, and capital investment budget and a project implementation schedule for the Tribal enterprises, to support the sustainable economic recovery of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to submit the FY 2023 USDA Rural Business Development Grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00 to complete the White Mountain Apache Tribal Enterprise Capital Investment Plan.

Resolution No. 01-2023-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the submission of FY 2023 USDA Rural Business Development Grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00 to complete the White Mountain Apache Tribal Enterprise Capital Investment Plan.

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 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 **JANUARY 10, 2023** 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez 1-13-2023

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

Vaneysa Johnson 1/13/2023

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date