



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Directing the Office of the Attorney General to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services for Funding to Establish the White Mountain Apache Office of the Public Defender)

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, By Council Resolution No. 01-2023-15, the Council directed the Finance and Human Resources Departments to identify the necessary funds and staffing to establish a Tribally-owned and operated, independent White Mountain Apache Office of the Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the assistance of the Tribe’s Office of the Attorney General will be necessary in this endeavor to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services to determine available funding to establish the White Mountain Apache Office of the Public Defender.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Office of the Attorney General is directed to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services to determine available funding to establish the White Mountain Apache Office of the Public Defender.

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 18, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstention 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,

Resolution No. 01-2023-016

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 8.3.2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date
White Mountain Apache Tribe

Vaneysa Johnson 8/3/2023
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date