



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Submitting Preferred Program Ranking Tool for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Bureau of Indian Affairs)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(c) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To advise the Secretary of the Interior on all activities that may affect the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and on all appropriation estimates and federal projects for the benefit of the Tribe before such estimates and projects are submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress”; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs, acting under authority delegated to it by the Secretary of the Interior, regularly consults with tribes concerning what its budget priorities should be for upcoming fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, The method used during this consultation process is a ranked priorities list, that allows tribes to suggest a ranked list of programs that it feels should be prioritized for funding during the upcoming fiscal year cycle; and

WHEREAS, Council has carefully considered its needs and priorities and finds that submitting its ranked list to the Bureau for Fiscal Year 2025 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 the Council hereby submits its Preferred Program Ranking Tool for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and requests that its budget appropriations appropriately reflect this list and those of other tribes.

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.

Resolution No. 01-2023-20

The foregoing resolution was on **JANUARY 18, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ONE** 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 2.15.23
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 2.16.23
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date