



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Tribe's General Welfare Assistance Account for Burial Assistance Payments for Tribal Members)

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, Resolution 03-2022-63A allocated \$5 million of the Tribe's American Relief Plan Act ("ARPA") funds for home repairs and weatherization for individual homes on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 06-2020-140 allocated CARES Act funding for funeral expenses of tribal members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, up until December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been informed of a remaining balance of approximately \$180,000 that has incurred since December 30, 2020 and that no line item has been identified for the on-going services of providing \$2,500 of financial assistance for burial and funeral expenses; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to allocate and transfer \$1 million dollars of ARPA funds to the general welfare assistance account to pay the accumulated balance of approximately \$180,000 and to ensure that burial assistance services are provided to tribal member families going forward.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby re-allocates \$1 million dollars of ARPA funding that was allocated for home repair and weatherization pursuant to Resolution 02-2022-63A, to the general welfare assistance account to pay for approximately \$180,000 in accumulated funeral expenses and to pay for burial assistance services going forward, with the understanding that a one-time funding, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for burial expenses is provided to tribal members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby amends Resolution 03-2022-63A by reducing the allocated amount from \$5 million dollars to \$4 million dollars for the home repair and weatherization program.

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. 02-2023-45

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 **FEBRUARY 16, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for, **TWO** 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 3/24/23 Janeysa Johnson 3/28/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Janeysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date