



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Approving Burial Assistance for Families of Current and Former Councilmembers, Chair and Vice-Chairpersons and Tribal Secretaries)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) 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,** It has long been the practice of the Council to render financial burial assistance to their current and former members in times of death; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has typically done this through individual ad hoc resolutions in the amounts of \$1,500.00 for Councilmembers and \$2,500.00 for Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons, but due to the delays caused by this practice and the need for prompt responses in times of emergency, now proposes that it enact a resolution approving all such requests for the future; and

**WHEREAS,** Council finds that enacting a resolution, at this time, to approve all future burial assistance requests for current and former members of the Tribal Council will allow them to promptly respond to the needs of families, and 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 it hereby approves of burial assistance for current and former Tribal Councilmembers and Tribal Secretaries and their immediate families in the amount of \$1,500.00, and for current and former Tribal Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons and their immediate families in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that for the purposes of this Resolution, “immediate families” shall be defined to include parents, children, siblings, and spouses as of the time of death.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this assistance shall be in addition to any general burial assistance that the Tribe provides, or may in the future provide, to all of its members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that these assistance funds shall be distributed directly to the recipient.

**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

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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 **FEBRUARY 28, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

3.2.23  
Date

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

3/3/2023  
Date