



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Authorizing the Tribe's Water Resources Program to Apply for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States"; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans has announced funding opportunities for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant (the "Grant"); and

**WHEREAS,** The Grant, which does not contain a tribal match requirement, would help the Tribe's Water Resources Program to develop and regulate environmental quality; and

**WHEREAS,** Council has reviewed the Grant proposal, and finds that authorizing the Water Resources Program to submit an application 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 Tribe's Water Resources Program is hereby authorized, and instructed to make a timely and complete submission to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, the Water Resources Program is authorized to accept the funds and shall work with the Tribe's Treasurer or Grants and Contracts Manager to establish a budget for receipts and expenditures thereunder.

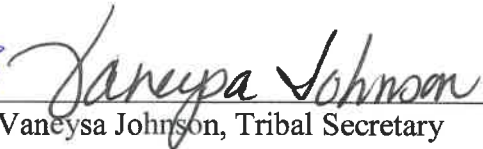
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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. 03-2023-59**

The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 1, 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).

	<u>3-24-23</u>		<u>3/28/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date