



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing \$250,000 For WMATCO's April Curtailment Costs)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe", and in Section 1(i) "[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe"; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe's sawmill business, WMATCO, employs many members of the Tribe and serves a vital role in the management of the Tribe's timberlands; and
- WHEREAS,** On April 5, 2023, the WMATCO management team and board of directors reported to the Tribal Council that the operations remain on hold at the mill due to a lack of cash, logs, sellable products, and weather conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** During the ongoing period of curtailment WMATCO is incurring costs of \$250,000 per month for expenses, such as mill security and essential personnel, utilities, and other fixed costs; and
- WHEREAS,** In addition to the previous initial request of funding from the Tribe in the total amount of \$750,000 to cover a three-month period during the curtailment, WMATCO proposed another request of \$33,200,000, plus expenses to cover engineering services from the Tribe, to make the mill a profitable and consistent operation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to provide funding for WMATCO to cover additional curtailment costs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that based on the foregoing, it hereby authorizes an immediate allocation of \$250,000, from the Tribe's line of credit, to cover curtailment costs for WMATCO for the month of April 2023.

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.

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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 APRIL 5, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, ONE against, and TWO 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).

<i>Kasey Velasquez</i>	<i>4.12.2023</i>	<i>Vaneysa Johnson</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date