



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Grant Applications from Ndee Bikiyaa to USDA Beginning Farmers & Ranchers Program)

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**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”, in Section 1(i) “[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe”, and in Section 1(j) “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has declared development of Ndee Bikiyaa, Tribal Farm, and partners for development as a high priority and one which the Council have determined to be beneficial and productive; and

**WHEREAS,** Funding assistance is needed by Ndee Bikiyaa for salaries, benefits, supplies, consultants, and other needs to support community farmers; and

**WHEREAS,** Proposals for grant funding will be submitted by Ndee Bikiyaa to the USDA Beginning Farmer & Rancher Program; and

**WHEREAS,** This grant requires a 25% cost share and Ndee Bikiyaa is able to provide the funding; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has reviewed Ndee Bikiyaa’s request, and finds that authorizing the Tribal Farm to apply for grant funding 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 authorizes the submission of a FY 2023 grant application for the USDA Beginning Farmer & Rancher Program to assist Ndee Bikiyaa programs.



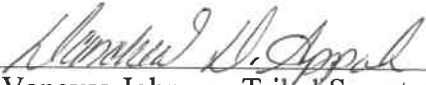

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution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

***Resolution No. 04-2023-75***

**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 12, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date