



*Resolution No. 04-2023-94*

# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program to Apply for 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustment Grant from Head Start)

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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(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “...to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes”; and

**WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Head Start Program (“Head Start”) desires to apply from the Head Start Enterprise System for the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (“COLA”) grant of 5.60 percent, an increase of \$135,017 and Quality Improvement (QI) an increase of \$71,321 for a total amount for \$206,338 for the Head Start Program with fringe benefits and offsetting higher operation costs; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Start will be responsible for the submission requirements for the COLA & Quality Improvement application in the amount of \$206,338 to the Head Start Enterprise System prior to the deadline of April 21, 2023;

**WHEREAS,** Head Start will submit a detailed justification that conforms the source of non-federal match and proposes a waiver of any portion of the non-federal match requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that Head Start staff deserve the Cost of Living increase, and that authorizing the Grant 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 it hereby authorizes the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program to apply for the Head Start COLA (\$132,017) and Quality Improvement (\$71,321) for a total of \$206,338 Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it instructs the Head Start administration to make a complete and timely submission of said grant.

**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 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).

<u>Kasey Vel</u>	<u>4-14-23</u>	<u>Vanessa M. Johnson</u>	<u>4/14/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vanessa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date