



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing Whiteriver Unified School District, McNary Elementary School District, Dischii'bikoh Community School, East Fork Lutheran School, Theodore Roosevelt School, and John F. Kennedy Day School to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Navajo County Sherriff's Office to Implement Mutualink Safeschool Emergency Alert and Response System in Reservation Schools)**

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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(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(b), "[t]o negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description..."; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Arizona allocated funding to keep schools safe, improve security in Arizona schools, and to reduce response times to dangerous incidents; and

**WHEREAS,** The Navajo County Sheriff's Office was selected to establish and implement the Navajo County Schools Safety Cooperative Agreement in Navajo County; and

**WHEREAS,** The McNary Elementary School District, the Whiteriver Unified School District, the Dischii'bikoh Community School, the East Fork Lutheran School, the Theodore Roosevelt School, and the John F. Kennedy Day School ("the Schools") and the White Mountain Apache Police Department desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU" attached and incorporated herein by reference) with the Navajo County Sheriff's Office to implement the Mutualink, Inc. Safe School Emergency Alert and Response System; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mutualink, Inc. Safe School Emergency Alert and Response System will install school panic buttons, automated on-demand and interoperability across responding agencies, and the automation of public safety response by the White Mountain Apache Police Department, the Navajo County Sheriff's Office, and the Schools; and

**WHEREAS,** The Navajo County School Safety Cooperative Agreement is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025, at which point funding will end, unless other funding is provided; and

**WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Police Department and the Schools understand that they shall be responsible for ongoing recurrent license, maintenance, and services fees for the system after the initial period of funding ends on December 31, 2025 unless other funding is provided; and

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**WHEREAS,** The Council has considered Navajo County Sheriff Office’s request and finds that authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Navajo County will maintain and increase safety at the schools, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.


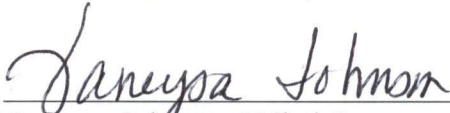
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the McNary Elementary School District, the Whiteriver Unified School District, the Dischii’bikoh Community School, the East Fork Lutheran School, the Theodore Roosevelt School, the John F. Kennedy Day School, and the White Mountain Apache Police Department are hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Navajo County Sheriff’s Office to implement the Mutualink, Inc. Safe School Emergency Alert and Response System.

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on **MAY 3, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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>05/10/2023</u>		<u>05/10/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date