



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing Burial of a Non-Tribal Member, Kelly Dee Wilson,
Within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)**

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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 regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Kelly Dee Wilson, a non-member, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for 31 years has passed away, and that her family desires for her to be buried within the Reservation at McNary, Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe, who extends their sympathy to the Hill and Wilson family and the communities affected; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of funeral arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange for the burial of Kelly Dee Wilson at the Cemetery in McNary, Arizona, within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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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 22, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for, 0 against, and 0 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 Velasquez</u>	<u>5-22-2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>5/22/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution
Initiated the 22 th day of May, 2023.

**Presented Personally by Tribal Council
Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials**

Kasey Velasquez 5-22-23 ij TCS Initials
Kasey Velasquez
Tribal Chairman
Date Signed

Jerome Kasey III 22 May 23 ij TCS Initials
Jerome Kasey III
Vice Chairman
Date Signed

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member

Travis J. Tossay, Sr. 5-22-2023 ij TCS Initials
Travis J. Tossay, Sr.
District I Council Member
Date Signed

Jerold Altaha 5-22-23 ij TCS Initials
Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member
Date Signed

Renaldo Dazen 22 May 2023 ij TCS Initials
Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member
Date Signed

Aubrey Aday, Sr. 5/22/23 ij TCS Initials
Aubrey Aday, Sr.
District III Council Member
Date Signed

Annette Tenijieth 5/22/23 ij TCS Initials
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Date Signed

Gary Alabesay 05-22-23 ij TCS Initials
Gary Alabesay
District IV Council Member
Date Signed

Mariddie Craig 5.22.2023 ij TCS Initials
Mariddie Craig
District IV Council Member
Date Signed

Verna Westover 5-22-2023 ij TCS Initials
Verna Westover
District IV Council Member
Date Signed

ATTEST:

Vaneyssa Johnson
Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

5/22/2023
Date Signed