



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Approval of Land Restoration Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for Land Restoration Administration, Proposed Projects, Scholarships, & Internships)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides at Article IV, Section 1(s), that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power “to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes”, and in section 1(f), “To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe...”; and

**WHEREAS,** On November 9, 1995, by Resolution No. 11-95-354, the Tribal Council set aside twenty percent of the 22-H judgment funds from a 1951 claim against the United States for the establishment of a perpetual and permanent White Mountain Apache Land Restoration Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** the Land Restoration Code authorizes ten (10) percent of the funds to be available for implementing activities, with the remaining balance divided at eighty (80) percent for land restoration projects and twenty (20) percent for scholarships and internships; and

**WHEREAS,** a budget for administration, project proposals, scholarships, and internships has been presented by the Land Restoration representatives; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to approve the attached fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget for Proposed Projects, Scholarships, and Internships for the Land Restoration Program, as incorporated herein by reference.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for Proposed Projects, Scholarships, and Internships for the Land Restoration Program.

**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. 07-2023-167***

**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 JULY 05, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, FOUR against, and ONE 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>7.6.2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>07/07/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Tribal Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date