



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Grant Application by Ndee Bikiyaa for Wells Fargo Invest Native)

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 of the farm programming and production 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; and

WHEREAS, The Wells Fargo Invest Native grant program has announced availability of up to \$400,000 grant (“Grant”) that support projects in Native communities, for which the Tribal Farm is eligible; and

WHEREAS, There is no cost share or matching requirement for this Grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has reviewed Ndee Bikiyaa’s request, and finds that authorizing the Tribal Farm to apply for the Wells Fargo Grant 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 and instructs Ndee Bikiyaa to make a timely and complete submission of the Wells Fargo grant application for July 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Tribe receives grant funds from Wells Fargo, Ndee Bikiyaa and the Grants & Contracts Department are instructed to create a budget for receipt and expenditure of said funds, subject to the terms and conditions of any application funding agreement and review by the Tribe’s Office of Attorney General.

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

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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 **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).

<i>Kasey Velasquez</i>	<i>7.6.2023</i>	<i>Vaneysa Johnson</i>	<i>07/07/2023</i>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date