



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amending Resolution 07-2023-186 to Include Certain Criteria for the Back to School Financial Assistance to Students)

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”, and in Section 1(k), “[t]o appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes and to expend such funds in accordance with an annual budget”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 07-2023-186 approved a back to school financial assistance, in the amount of \$200.00, to all students enrolled in school for the 2023/2024 academic school year, and directed the Tribal Education and Finance Departments to implement a process with a firm application deadline of September 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Education and Finance Departments have determined and recommended that further clarification needs to be provided to include certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to amend Resolution 07-2023-186 to include certain requirements for a one-time back to school financial assistance, in the amount of \$200.00, to all tribal member students enrolled in school for the 2023/2024 academic school year, with the following stipulations:

1. All tribal member students ages zero (0) to eighteen (18) years of age, including all other tribal member students enrolled from pre-school through high school senior year, are eligible;
2. Student must be enrolled with the Tribe as of July 25, 2023;
3. Must provide proof of school enrollment for the 2023/2024 academic school year;
4. Must complete a W9 form;
5. Tribal enrollment will be verified through Vital Records Department;
6. Students and families receiving assistance from federally funded programs are not eligible; and
7. An application deadline of September 15, 2023 will be enforced.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby amends Resolution 07-2023-186 to include certain criteria for a one-time back to school financial assistance, in the amount of \$200.00, to all tribal member students enrolled in school for the 2023/2024 academic school year with the following stipulations:

1. All tribal member students ages zero (0) to eighteen (18) years of age, including all other tribal member students enrolled from pre-school through high school senior year, are eligible;

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2. Student must be enrolled with the Tribe as of July 25, 2023;
3. Must provide proof of school enrollment for the 2023/2024 academic school year;
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6. Students and families receiving assistance from federally funded programs are not eligible; and
7. An application deadline of September 15, 2023 will be enforced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Education and Finance Departments to implement a process and develop an application to ensure that all requirements are met and that the proper funding sources are utilized.

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 **AUGUST 2, 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).

Kasey Velasquez
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

8.3.2023
Date

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

8/3/2023
Date