



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Approving Academic Year 2023-2024 Permanent Land Restoration Fund Scholarship Recipients)

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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, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Section 1(k), “To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes and to expend funds in accordance with an annual budget”; 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 for the establishment of a permanent White Mountain Apache Land Restoration Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** The Land Restoration Code authorizes twenty percent of the available income generated from the fund to be set aside for scholarships and internships for Tribal member college students pursuing a degree in Natural Resources or a related field; and

**WHEREAS,** after the application and screening process, the Tribal Land Restoration Board has selected the following students for a scholarship award for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 academic year: (1) Halle Anderson; (2) Tanjia Clarkson; (3) JJ Jaeden Windy Cosen-Garcia; and (4) Shannon Taylor; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that approving the selection of the aforementioned students to receive the Land Restoration Fund scholarships will help the Tribe prepare for the environmental needs of the future 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 it hereby approves the Tribal Land Restoration Board’s selection of the above-named individuals to receive scholarships from the Land Restoration Fund for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 academic school year.

**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. 08-2023-190***

**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 02, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and FOUR 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>8.3.2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>8/3/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date