



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Tribe's FY2023 Bureau of Indian Affairs Carryover Funding for Agriculture Studies at Canyon Day Farm)

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, "[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe was successful in obtaining the enactment of the White Mountain Apache Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 ("Act") in December 2010, as well as the subsequent signing by the settling parties of a Revised and Amended Water Rights Quantification Agreement ("Amended Quantification Agreement") in July 2013, and approval of the Amended Quantification Agreement by the Arizona Superior Court in the Gila River and Little Colorado River Stream Adjudications on December 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Council, in anticipation of the Act becoming enforceable, has directed the Tribe's Water Resources Program to apply for federal funding for the implementation of the Act including satisfying requirements for monitoring the Tribe's use of water required by the Quantification Agreement once the Act becomes enforceable; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") has carryover funding, in the amount of \$135,000.00, available to support agriculture related tasks or studies for the Canyon Day Farm in support of the Act and implementation of the Amended Quantification Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the proposed budget for expenditure of carry over funds, and finds that its approval will help provide needed resources 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 the Tribe hereby approves the proposed budget and scope of work for expenditure of \$135,000.00 of carryover funds for Agriculture Studies and related work at the Canyon Day Farm, in support of implementation of the Tribal Water Rights Quantification Act and Agreement.

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.

Resolution No. 11-2023-236

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 **NOVEMBER 1, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** 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>11/15/23</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>11/14/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date