



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's FY 2025 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act [CERLA], Section 128(a) Response Program Grant)**

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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(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States"; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office (EPO) preserves, protects and maintains the quality of the environment on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and works in collaboration with Tribal, State, Local and Federal agencies in order to uphold environmental quality standards; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe's EPO is applying for the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") FY2025 CERLA 128(a) grant, and

**WHEREAS,** the grant does not contain a tribal match requirement, and the funding will be used for salaries, travel, outreach activities, and updating the Brownfield inventory and other activities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has reviewed EPO's grant proposal, and finds that authorizing EPO to apply for the Grant to continue operating and providing necessary services 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's Environmental Protection Office is hereby authorized and instructed to make a timely and complete submission for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 128(a) Response Program Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event the Grant is awarded, the EPO shall work with the Tribe's Treasurer to establish a budget for the receipts and expenditures thereunder.

**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. 11-2023-237**

**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).

Kasey Velasquez  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

11-13-2023  
Date

Vaneysa Johnson  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

11/14/2023  
Date