



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of a Non-Tribal Member, Harry Ortiz, Within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(h) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Harry Ortiz, a non-member, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for many years has passed away, and that his family desires for him to be buried within the Reservation at Cedar Creek, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe, who extends their sympathy to the Ortiz family.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange for the burial of Harry Ortiz at the Cemetery in Cedar Creek, Arizona, within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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 JANUARY 3, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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

1.24.2024
Date

Janeysa Johnson
Janeysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

01/24/2024
Date