



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Acceptance of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – America the Beautiful Challenge 2023 Grant)

- 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 Water Resources Program has collaborated with the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation in identifying grant funds to plan and implement the Fort Apache Eco-Cultural Regeneration; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe, through the collaborative efforts of the Water Resources Program and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, proposes to develop a Master Plan for restoring and re-Indigenizing the 300 acres of rivers, farmlands, grasslands, and woodlands that constitute the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – American the Beautiful Challenge 2023 Grant has awarded the Tribe \$333,788.90 to address soil productivity and erosion concerns, invasive species, improve habitat for “cultural keystone” plant and animal species, re-establish trails, fences, and irrigated farms and orchards, and enhance tribal member education and recreation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** The project budget incorporates a \$2,000 cash match from Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, \$6,200 in-kind contribution from the Hydrology and Water Resources Program, \$4,000 in-kind contribution from the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation and Staff, and \$20,000 in-kind contribution from the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation Members and Volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that authorizing acceptance of the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will help create and harmonize benefits on communal, practical, technical, and organizational levels to support contributions to employment, language revitalization, and Apache self-healing, self-governance, and self-sufficiency, 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’s Water Resources Program and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation are hereby authorized to accept the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$333,788.90, with total in-kind contributions of \$30,200 from Hydrology and the Water Resources Program and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, and cash contributions of \$2,000 from the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation.

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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 **FEBRUARY 6, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>2.6.2024</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>02/07/2024</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date