



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$580,344.00 of the Tribe’s Opioid Abatement Funds to Incorporate Office Space in the Tribe’s Healing to Wellness Court Building for the Probation Department)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(k) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes...”; and
- WHEREAS,** As a result of the settlement of the national tribal lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and marketers, the Tribe has received over \$5 million in Tribal Opioid Abatement Funds, and expects to receive approximately \$8 million more in the coming years; and
- WHEREAS,** Usage of these funds is restricted to purposes related to the mitigation of the opioid addiction crisis among the Tribe’s members, and all funds expended must be reported annually; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Probation Department advises that nearly all of the Tribe’s probationers are individuals who struggle with substance abuse disorders, including opiates; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently, the Tribe’s three Probation Officers all share a single office in the Tribal Court, which is not large enough for all of them, nor will it accommodate their anticipated growth in the coming months; and
- WHEREAS,** The Probation Department plays an integral part in the Tribe’s Healing to Wellness Court, and the Tribe has received approval from the settlement administrators to utilize Opioid Abatement Funds to expand the planned Healing to Wellness Court building to include 1,152 square feet of office space for Tribal Probation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Court has prepared a draft budget for this expansion (attached and incorporated herein), and requests that \$580,344.00 be allocated for this needed addition, which will be incorporated into the Tribal Court’s Request for Proposals for the Healing-to-Wellness Court building; and
- WHEREAS,** Council have reviewed and considered the request by the Probation Department, and finds that incorporating the Probation Department’s offices into the planned Healing to Wellness Court building is a necessary and appropriate usage of the Opioid Abatement Funds, in the requested amount, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

Resolution No. 02-2024-034

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that \$580,344.00 of the Tribe's Opioid Abatement Funds are hereby allocated for the purpose of adding 1,152 square feet to the planned Healing to Wellness Court building, which shall incorporate offices for the Probation Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Tribal Court and the Tribal Engineer shall adjust the planned Request for Proposals for the Healing to Wellness Court design to incorporate the necessary additions.

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 **SIX** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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

2-9-2024
Date

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

02/12/2024
Date