



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Authorizing Application by Ndee Bikiyaa for USDA Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant)

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“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 in Section 1(j) “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has declared the development of Ndee Bikiyaa, Tribal Farm, as a high priority and one which the Council have determined to be beneficial and productive; and
- WHEREAS,** Funding assistance is needed by Ndee Bikiyaa for salaries, fringe, equipment, and supplies to develop a community workforce through farming; and
- WHEREAS,** USDA RISE grant program has announced availability of up to \$2,000,000.00 in grants (“Grant”) that support projects, with a 20% cost share requirement that can be fulfilled with other farm grants and the Farm’s 01-account funding, for which the Tribal Farm is eligible; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed Ndee Bikiyaa’s request, and finds that authorizing the Tribal Farm to apply for the grant is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of an impending grant deadline, the Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**Resolution No. 03-2024-067**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and instructs Ndee Bikiyaa to make a timely and complete submission of the USDA RISE Grant application for this fiscal year by April 1, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Tribe receives grant funds, Ndee Bikiyaa and the Grants & Contracts Department are instructed to create a budget for receipt and expenditure of said funds, subject to the terms and conditions of any application funding agreement and review by the Tribe's Office of Attorney General.

**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 March 27, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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 3.27.2024  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 3/27/2024  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution  
Initiated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council  
Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Kasey Velasquez 3.27.2024 ij TCS Initials  
Kasey Velasquez  
Tribal Chairman

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
Jerome Kasey, III  
Vice Chairman

Arnold Beach, Sr. 03-26-24 ij TCS Initials  
Arnold Beach, Sr.  
District I Council Member

Travis J. Tessay, Sr. 3-26-2024 ij TCS Initials  
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District I Council Member

Jerold Altaha 3-26-24 ij TCS Initials  
Jerold Altaha  
District II Council Member

Renaldo Dazen 26 March 24 ij TCS Initials  
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District II Council Member

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
Aubrey Aday, Sr.  
District III Council Member

Annette Tenijieth. 3-26-2024 ij TCS Initials  
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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
Gary Alchesay  
District IV Council Member

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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
Mariddie Craig  
District IV Council Member

Verna Westover 3/26/2024 ij TCS Initials  
Verna Westover  
District IV Council Member

**ATTEST:**

Vanessa Johnson 3/27/2024  
Vanessa Johnson Tribal Council Secretary  
Date Signed