



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approval to Submit National Park Service and Cultural Resource Fund Grant Applications)

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**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS) “*FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities*” was announced for availability of funding (March, 2015); and

**WHEREAS,** the MICA (Multicultural Intermediary for Collaborative Action) Group notified the White Mountain Apache Tribe (April 14, 2015) on their eligibility for the “*(CRS) Cultural Resource Fund: Strengthening Tribal Communities and Cultures,*” available grant funding; and

**WHEREAS,** Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director/NAGPRA Representative, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center, and Mark Altaha, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, both White Mountain Apache Tribal departments, have identified an important project that necessitates planning and implementing as soon as possible due to the numerous examples of the expropriation of important traditional cultural properties in other areas of the U.S. that negatively affect the tribes to whom these properties are of sacred and cultural significance, and that our White Mountain Apache Tribe is an underrepresented entity nationally on these issues; and

**WHEREAS,** several WMA Tribal Resolutions for several past decades, including No. 66-20 (dated January 13, 1966) designated “...that an area of 7,400 acres, including Mount Baldy, holds a sacred significance to members of the Tribe...be reserved as a Primitive Area for a period of five years ending ..in 1970.” and that the prior WMA Tribal Councils had recognized the need to protect certain areas of their reservation by establishing a Primitive Area; and

**WHEREAS,** as an example of a TCP (Traditional Cultural Property) according to federal agency definitions and guidelines, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's holy mountain, Báshzhjné Dził (Dził Łigai Sí'án/Mount Baldy), is an important signifier of our Tribal name, pilgrimage destination for our People, home of our ceremonial beings, named in our ceremonial songs, and site of the emergence of our original People according to our Creation stories, a sacred mountain held in great respect by our People, traditions, spiritual beliefs; and

**WHEREAS,** the above-named tribal departments responsible for oversight of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's heritage resources, have identified and recommend that several TCPs located within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation be the focus of a WMA TCP Planning Project to survey, research, inventory, and document the demographics,

boundaries, historical, legal, social, and traditional knowledge about several areas that are potential TCPs in order to eventually nominate to the National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmark after the end of the project; and

**WHEREAS,** the NPS has grant funds available up to \$75,000 for a two-year project and this proposed project would be eligible under their criteria of, “projects that promote the preservation of our jurisdiction's diverse cultural resources” and would meet a requirement of involving young people (Apache youth can work with this), and the CRS has up to \$10,000 that our Tribe was invited to apply for, and is eligible under their definitions of “preservation of cultural and historic sites”; and

**WHEREAS,** the MICA Group's tribal liaison has informed the WMAT Culture Center on their eligibility for a \$10,000 available grant funding from the Cultural Resource Fund (CRF), that we are also asking for approval to apply for as it requires a cultural component of the project and we have been informed we may utilize funds for inclusion of a language-teaching and story-telling opportunities by tribal elders with participation of tribal youth in field trips to Báshzhiné Dził as part of our planning; and

**WHEREAS,** these departments request that the WMA Tribal Council approve the appointment of Ramon Riley as Project Manager, Mark Altaha, as Consultant, and Bernadette A. SantaMaria as Grant Administrator, and the Nohwike Bagowah Culture Center as the project office if grant proposal is funded and request permission to consult with local, state, federal agencies on the project planning and activities and to possible formation of partnerships or MOUs/Agreements to accomplish project goals/objectives (subject to review by tribal Legal Department); and

**WHEREAS,** the above-named tribal departments requests WMA Tribal Council approvals for their submission of budgets and grant proposals for funding from the National Park Service (due June 15, 2015) and Cultural Resource Funds (due May, 2015) in two separate proposals but to utilize both funds, if awarded (total would be \$85,000, no match requirement) for the TCP Planning Project on potential reservation sites for nomination; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of two grant proposals and budgets to the National Park Service and Cultural Resource Fund for a two-year TCP Planning Project to nominate potential TCPs on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including involvement of youth for Apache language and cultural teachings by elders overseen by the Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center Cultural Resources Director.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby states that there are no internal funds available for new projects due to recent financial setbacks, it is recommended that tribal departments seek funding from other sources for important projects that need to be implemented and for the provision of funding for the salary of a grant administrator from grant funding for this project, if awarded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the appointment of Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture

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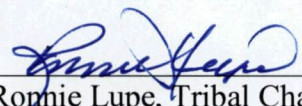
Center as Project Manager, Mark Altaha, THPO Manager, as Consultant, and Bernadette A. SantaMaria as Grant Administrator, and the Nohwike Bagowah Culture Center (or its assignment of an office or building at Fort Apache) as the project office if grant proposals are funded.

**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.

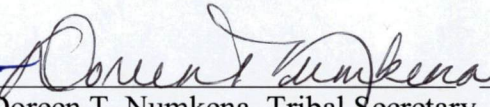
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be 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 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 MAY 18, 2015 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

1-6-11-15  
Date

  
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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

6-1-2015  
Date