



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of MICA Group, Cultural Resource Fund Grant Application)

WHEREAS, since the 1960's, White Mountain Apache tribal leaders, recognizing the necessity of protecting their sacred mountain, Bashzhine Dzil (or Dzil Ligai Si'an, the "White Mountain"), that is "Mount Baldy" on most maps, continually adopted Tribal Resolutions to reserve it as a Wilderness Area on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in east-central Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director/NAGPRA Representative, Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center, chairs the CAB (Cultural Advisory Board) and co-Chairs the All-Apache NAGPRA Working Group, has a responsibility for oversight of the Tribe's heritage resources including sacred and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council adopted/endorsed Tribal Resolution No. 02-2016-32 that approved application for funding (up to \$50,000) from The MICA Group, Cultural Resource Fund – Phase 2, grant project: "*Documentation and Protection of WMAT Heritage Resources*" (ends April 30, 2018) with Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria, as Grant Coordinator, THPO, and Ramon Riley, and Cultural Advisory Board members as consultants; and

WHEREAS, we were notified of eligibility to apply for the CRF-Phase 3 (FY2018-19) grant application for protection of cultural places and language track for funding (up to \$35,000), with requirements that include a new budget, tribal resolution, completed certification form, and deadline date for submission by April 01, 2018, therefore, we are requesting approval by the WMA Tribal Council for proposed CRF-Phase 3 project: "*Protection of Bashzhine Dzil: White Mountain Apache Sacred Site to continue previous grant objectives including finalization of draft documents, reviews by legal, tribal leaders, and Apache public educational outreach, for eventual adoption of policies/codes; and*

WHEREAS, additional funding is necessary to carry out field surveys and related objectives, hiring of temporary contract work and consultants (archaeology reports, etc.) into 2019, and after contacting the Freeport-McMoRan Native American Partnerships have found that we are eligible to apply for matching grant funding with deadline date for submission by May 30, 2018, and we will be seeking further information on that funding, and if decision is made to apply, we will do so with another tribal resolution approval request; and

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WHEREAS, this project will continue in consultations/collaborations including: WMA tribal elders, Karl Hoerig (Director, Nohwike' Bagowah Museum), Cultural Advisory Board, THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office), White Mountain Apache Tribal departments (Forestry, Game & Fish, Water Resources, EPO, etc.), BIA Forestry, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and others (with possible MOUs/other Agreements); and

WHEREAS, Ramon Riley, and Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria, are requesting approval to apply for funding from the Cultural Resource Fund (for up to \$35,000) and further requests for approval of Ms. SantaMaria as the Grant Administrator, overseen by Ramon Riley and Karl Hoerig (Museum Director) as co-signatories on management of grant funding and hiring documents in consultation with the Tribe's Grants & Contracts office that is also requested to coordinate with the Grant Administrator on consultant/contracts and provision of grant fund account status in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the importance of protecting the Tribe's heritage resources necessitates continuing with the goal of application for National Register listing of sacred mountain and eventual approval and adoption of new policies that will become sections in the overall **Heritage Resource Protection Code** for the WMA Tribe and its future generations.

BE IT 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 lack of available finances and recommends that tribal departments seek funding from other sources for important projects that need to be implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of grant applications and budget (for up to \$35,000) to the MICA Group's Cultural Resource Fund for the completion of this grant project goal of documenting and protecting the Tribe's heritage resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves oversight of this grant project, in coordination with the Tribe's Grants & Contracts Office, by Ramon Riley, Karl Hoerig, and Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria under the auspices of the Nohwike' Bagowah Museum/Culture Center.

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.

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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 07, 2018 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against, and TWO 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).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

3/22/18

Date

 2018

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date