



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval for Grant Application to Cultural Resource Fund-Phase 3, Language Revitalization Grant Funding, The MICA Group)

WHEREAS, the major goal of our projects are to protect and preserve the Fort Apache Indian Reservation lands and cultural knowledge for the benefit and survival of future generations of White Mountain Apaches, including the revitalization of our language, protection of cultural sites, and to continue the development of an overall Heritage Resource Protection Code; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council supported and adopted Resolution No. 02-2016-32 for a previous project to The MICA Group's Cultural Resource Fund-Phase 2, was funded, project ended (April 30, 2018) under the Tribal Historic Preservation Office ("THPO"), and with Resolution No. 03-2018-62, approved a new grant application for funding (\$35,000) to the same program for CRF-Phase 3 project: "*Protection of Bashzhine Dzil: White Mountain Apache Sacred Site*" (with approved change to be under the Nohwike Bagowah Culture Center) to continue previous grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, we are requesting support and approval from the Tribal Council to submit another grant application to the same organization, The MICA Group-Cultural Resource Fund-Phase 3, Language Revitalization fund, requesting funding for a project proposal: "*Ndee Biyati' Hidahii WMAT Language Revitalization Project*" to be submitted by June 15, 2018 (with a budget for up to \$50,000); and

WHEREAS, continuing project activities in community language-related SOW will need additional funding, a project that proposes to include Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director, to oversee and consult with Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria who will be the grant administrator, part-time position, if funded; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue in collaboration, by possible agreements, including: WMA Tribal elders, Cultural Resource Director, Cultural Advisory Board, WMA Tribal Departments, universities, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the importance of protecting the Tribe's heritage resources necessitates these projects and prominent among these cultural resources is our sacred White Mountain Apache language that has been eroding for years among our younger generation of Apaches; thereby, this project includes continuing the revitalization work and with other grant projects, new teaching tools and methods, curriculum development, teacher training, and the 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 supports and approves the submission of a grant proposal and budget (for up to \$50,000) to the MICA Group's Cultural Resource Fund-Phase 3 Language Revitalization project for the completion of the SOW for the language revitalization project activities begun with the CRF-Phase 2 project including 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 Bernadette Adley-SantaMaria as a project grant administrator in coordination of the project with Ramon Riley, Cultural Resource Director, of the Nohwike' Bagowah Culture Center, including Karl Hoerig, Museum Director (if necessitated) as signatories for financial document processing with the Tribe's Grants & Contracts office.

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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 **JUNE 13, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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).


Gwendena Lee Gatewood, Chairwoman Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date