

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Project and Authorizing Land Operations to Seek Funding Support)

- WHEREAS, Land Operations representatives provided presentation to the Tribal Council to obtain approval for the Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Project Grant Program for future implementation of non-lethal preventative measures to avoid conflict between livestock and Mexican grey wolves on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("FAIR"); and
- WHEREAS, funding is available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USF&WS") Ecological Services Program; and
- WHEREAS, the Land Operations Department has successfully completed several rangeland improvement projects using funding from the USF&WS and others; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Land Operation Department seeks to utilize available funding opportunities in the accomplishment of its mission to conserve, protect and restore the natural resources of the Tribe; and
- **WHEREAS**, this project is expected to decrease beef calf mortality due to Mexican grey wolves and increase tolerance of Mexican grey wolves by Tribal Cattle Owners; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes and appreciates the cultural significance the livestock industry on the FAIR and intends to maintain and promote sound management practices.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes budgets for existing and future U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grants, contracts and agreements, subject to applicable terms and conditions of the grants, contracts or agreements and review by the Tribe's legal department.

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.

Resolution No. <u>11-2018-246</u>

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 **NOVEMBER 19, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for, **THREE** 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date