

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Declaring January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month)

- WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of slavery that severely victimizes vulnerable populations including woman, children, and impoverished individuals; and
- WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, transported, or obtained for the purpose of commercial sex, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage or slavery, through force, fraud or coercion or if the victim has not reached the age of eighteen; and
- **WHEREAS**, human trafficking denies freedom to 20.9 million people in the United States and around the world; and
- WHEREAS, human trafficking has been reported and prosecuted in all 50 states and Arizona policy makers have attempted to combat human trafficking through the adoption of laws prohibiting human trafficking and related activities; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking council has made significant strides in the areas of public awareness, victim services, data collection, and training in order to secure Arizona against crime; and
- **WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe commits to raising public awareness and promoting Arizona as a zero tolerance state for any form of human trafficking; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is commits to protecting victims' rights and restoring freedom and dignity to the affected victims of human trafficking; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe declares January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby proclaims the month of January 2019 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking awareness month.

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.

Resolution No. <u>01-2019-06</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 <u>JANUARY 3, 2019</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> 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