

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

Approval of a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for a Non-Disclosure Agreement in relation to the 2019 ATNI/Commnet Application for Broadband Funding through the USDA Reconnect Grant Program to Provide Service to the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (Tribe) desires to access contemporary broadband (Internet) on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR); and
- **WHEREAS**, the USDA is currently offering funding to support such services through its Reconnect program; and
- **WHEREAS,** ATNI/Commnet is a broadband service provider working in the White Mountains and with other tribes outside the region and is already pursuing this funding for system service in portions of Apache County; and
- **WHEREAS,** ATNI/Commnet wish to add the Tribe and the FAIR to that application and the Tribe approves that inclusion; and
- WHEREAS, dealings for that purpose require execution of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA); and
- **WHEREAS**, the form of that NDA includes application of Arizona law and use of Federal courts for any disputes; and
- WHEREAS, the scope of this NDA is sufficiently limited such that the waiver is reasonable.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the limited sovereign immunity waiver for the purposes of the ATNI/Commnet 2019 USDA Reconnect funding application non-disclosure agreement.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Chairwoman or her designee to execute the NDA for this purpose.
- **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.

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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 <u>MAY 14, 2019</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</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).

Date

Chairwoman

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary