



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing a Request for a 30-Day Public Comment Period be Initiated for the WMAT Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan 2020-2024)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 319 (a) (1) and (b) (1) of the Clean Water Act, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has provided a 30-day public notice and opportunity for comment of the Watershed Restorations Strategic Plan (WRSP); and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has developed a range of environmental management programs to protect, maintain, and restore its Land and Waters, and has adopted a permanent Land Restoration Fund ordinance to support restoration efforts in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Water Resources Program has compiled a Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan for 2020-2024, which identifies priority restoration projects which outlines a nonpoint source activities and identification of areas of special ecological and community concern; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Water Resources should undertake public hearings.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Water Resources Program is hereby directed to initiate a 30-day public comment period on the subject of the Tribe's Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 319 (a)(1) and (b)(1), and publish a notice of hearing date at the district offices, the Tribal Council Office, the Apache Scout, and on KNNB broadcasts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that notice of any and all public hearings be published at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that after the public hearing date, public comments will be addressed. All proposed modifications to the Watershed Strategic Plan will be presented at a Tribal Council meeting.

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 it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribe Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all

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documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairwoman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairwoman may sign.

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 12, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).

	
Gwendena Lee Gatewood, Chairwoman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
<u>6/12/19</u>	<u>6-17-19</u>
Date	Date