



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing The Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program to Apply for a
U.S. Department of Education Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Project for American Indians with Disabilities Grant up to the Amount of
Three Million Dollars)**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Tribal Council ("Council") has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has urged and hereby affirms that all the Tribal programs should make an effort to hire people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Tribe's Education Department's Vocational Rehabilitation Program was awarded a grant to assist the Tribe in employing members of this and other tribes from a federally recognized tribe with disabilities residing on or near the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program staff, with that grant served 475 eligible consumers with disabilities and has had successful outcomes with 160 consumers obtaining gainful employment with the Tribe, self employment entrepreneurship, and in the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, The Vocational Rehabilitation Program expects to continue to serve eligible consumers and plans to compete for the 2019 U.S. Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities Grant, which, if awarded, will provide up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in funds that can be used to operate the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for an additional five (5) years, with a tribal match of ten (10) percent; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the Vocational Rehabilitation Program's proposal and finds that applying for this grant will help the Program continue to serve disabled persons in our community, and is the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program to apply for the 2019 U.S. Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities Grant, and, if awarded, approves continuation of the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program and its admirable objectives.

Resolution No. 07-2019-153

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program is instructed to and make a timely and complete submission to the U.S. Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache tribe that, if awarded, the Tribe's Education Department shall work with the Finance Department to establish an account for deposits and expenditures of the grant funds.

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 **JULY 9, 2019** 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