



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Recognizing White Mountain Native Software as a Company Authorized to Conduct Business Activities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(r) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To enact ordinances governing the activities of voluntary associations organized for purposes of cooperation and other purposes"; and

**WHEREAS,** White Mountain Native Software ("WNNS") is a company that has worked to bring computer training and jobs to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS has also worked to use technology and other skills to preserve and protect Apache Language and Culture; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS has created property management software for the Fort Apache Foundation, allowing the Foundation to track inspections of its buildings, create repair tickets, track repairs and costs, all using 100% Apache workers; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS has encouraged the Arizona Science Foundation to fund new computer programming classes at Alchesay High School; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS is working with Tribal agencies and departments to reduce the flow of Tribal dollars to off-Reservation entities by building the capabilities of Tribal members to provide high quality technology solutions at a reasonable cost; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS has created the group "Ndee Biyáti' Yáának'idaizigi Apache Language Working Group" composed of many of the Apache Language teachers from public, BIE and parochial schools throughout the Reservation and other language experts interested in preserving the language; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS has nearly completed recording every page of the Apache Dictionary and will spend the next year editing the audio recordings, reviewing them with expert speakers, correcting them and placing them online at [www.LearningApache.com](http://www.LearningApache.com); and

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**WHEREAS,** The printed version of the Apache Dictionary (*Western Apache-English Dictionary: A Community-Generated Bilingual Dictionary (English and Apache Languages Edition)*) is out of print and available only for hundreds of dollars per copy, and WMNS is working to reprint the Dictionary to make it available at reasonable prices; and

**WHEREAS,** WMNS is working with Apache Radio KNNB to produce a “word of the day,” with the word to be repeated several times and used in a phrase, the whole announcement to be repeated eight times a day and Tribal members encouraged to say the word to at least four other tribal members during the day; and

**WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribal Council passed a resolution two years ago endorsing the work of WMNS; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has considered the long history of WMNS’ work in the community and finds that recognizing WMNS as a company authorized to conduct business on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation will allow WMNS to continue its productive activities, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby formally recognizes and commends White Mountain Native Software in its efforts at computer education and language preservation, and authorizes it to continue to operate on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

**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 **OCTOBER 2, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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

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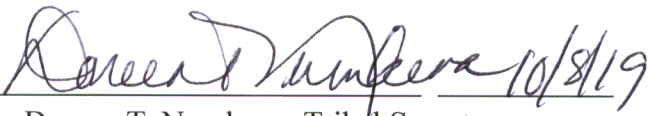
ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

10/8/19

Date



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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date