



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing and Supporting the White Mountain Apache Housing Needs Assessment)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the Tribe and act in all matter that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution also provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Council shall exercise the power, “To... regulate subordinate organizations for economic or other purposes”; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Housing Authority (“Housing Authority”), as the tribally designated housing entity of the Tribe is responsible for carrying out the Tribe’s housing plan and the development and operation of housing pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (“NAHASDA”); and
- WHEREAS,** In furtherance of its mission, the Housing Authority has hired Big Water Consulting to conduct a household survey and housing unit assessment of residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to assess the needs of the Tribe and its members (the “Project”);
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe seeks more generally to strengthen its sovereignty, expand its self-determination, more effectively manage its resources and better address the needs of its tribal members, and it also acknowledges that there is an urgent need to obtain and provide accurate and comprehensive demographic and statistical data concerning tribal communities and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in order to adequately address future policy and management decisions and planning efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** The data collected by external entities, including federal agencies, often inaccurately or incompletely represents the needs of the Tribe and its members, and this external collected data is often only made available to tribal governments in aggregated forms that restricts the ability to manage issues at community, district or reservation levels or explore relationships within the data sets to address criteria of severe need or opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe acknowledges that the collection of data by the Tribe itself, through the efforts of the Housing Authority, in order to assess the housing and other critical needs of

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residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, is vital to the Tribe's and the Housing Authority's current planning efforts and their development of long-term strategies to improve the quality of life of its members and residents of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, In order to successfully complete the Project designed by the Housing Authority, which received input from tribal programs and other tribal stakeholders, the Housing Authority will need to hire local Tribal members or assign staff to serve as managers and field staff for the household survey and unit assessment portions of the White Mountain Apache Housing Needs Assessment on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, In order for these local survey managers and field staff members to be successful in their effort to collect accurate data concerning the population and housing units of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the participation and full cooperation of Reservation residents and tribal members will be essential;

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to authorize and support the Housing Authority's Project and the activities of the local survey managers and field staff for the White Mountain Housing Needs Assessment and to encourage the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and all members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to cooperate with and provide complete and accurate responses to these field staff members if they are selected to participate in this survey.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes

and supports the efforts of the Housing Authority and its project coordinator, Big Water Consulting, to complete the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the White Mountain Apache Tribe IT Department, Enrollment Office, Housing Authority and other relevant programs, subject to an appropriate confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement, to release to Big Water Consulting, tribal data and housing unit map files solely for those purposes necessary to facilitate the design and completion of a household survey involving residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and, if deemed appropriate by the Tribe, submission of a "census challenge" to HUD to adjust the Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding allocation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and encourages all tribal departments to work cooperatively with the Housing Authority, project stakeholders and Big Water Consulting, and contribute other available resources to the greatest extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes and supports the efforts of the local survey managers and field staff that the Housing Authority will hire, to conduct the activities necessary to complete the Project and encourages residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to fully cooperate with these staff members by being courteous to them as they fulfill their duties and providing accurate and complete responses to their requests for information.



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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 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 28, 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).

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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date