



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Bethani Marie Francis Thomas on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

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 matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Bethani Marie Francis Thomas passed away and that funeral arrangements are pending; and

WHEREAS, The decedent’s family requests that the Tribal Council authorize burial of the deceased, Bethani Marie Francis Thomas, at Fort Apache Cemetery on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Although Bethani Marie Francis Thomas was not a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tribal Council finds that the request made herein should be granted; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the assistance provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache and in sympathy to the family; and

WHEREAS, Given the urgent need to complete funeral service arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that the assistance requested herein needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to bury the decedent, Bethani Marie Francis Thomas, at the Fort Apache Cemetery.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures from members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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.

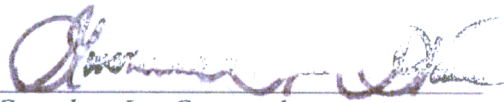
The foregoing resolution was on DECEMBER 23, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	<u>12-23-19</u>		<u>12-23-2019</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date

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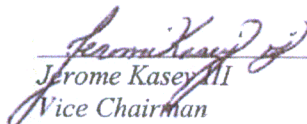
Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 23rd day of December, 2019.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Tribal Chairwoman

12-23-2019
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Jerome Kasey III
Vice Chairman

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Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member

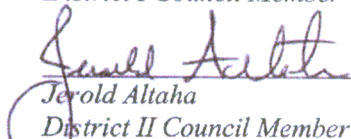
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Travis J. Tessay, Sr.
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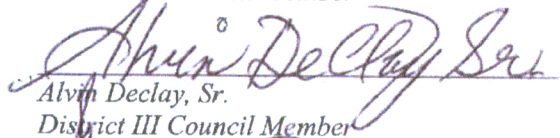
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Ralph Thomas
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Gary Alkhesay
District IV Council Member

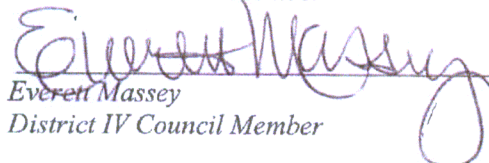
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Alvena Bush
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Everett Massey
District IV Council Member

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ATTEST:


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

12-23-2019
Date Signed