



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Participation in the Emory Oak Collaborative Tribal Restoration Initiative)

- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council is advised that the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort Apache Indian Reservation, has agreed to become a partner in the Emory Oak Collaborative Tribal Restoration Initiative ("EOCTRI"); and
- WHEREAS,** Participation in the EOCTRI would consist of partnering with the United States Forest Service, Northern Arizona University, and Resolution Copper to facilitate and allow for the protection and restoration of Chich'il (Emory oak trees); and
- WHEREAS,** Chich'il is an important subsistence and ceremonial food vital to the continuation to the Apache way of life; and
- WHEREAS,** All activities related to the EOCTRI will be funded by Resolution Copper; and
- WHEREAS,** Groves will be restored on Forest Service lands and at various locations on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation- managed lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Restoration activities will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and proceed as dictated by the respective land management jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the Initiative and finds that participation in the EOCTRI will help the Tribe preserve and restore chich'il habitat on the Reservation and throughout Apache ancestral lands, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the EOCTRI is authorized to collaborate with the Tribe to restore Emory oak groves on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in coordination with Tribal Forestry and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** activities should provide opportunities for training, tribal employment, cultural preservation activities, and collaborative research; and

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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 **JANUARY 8, 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 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