



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Application for the US Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant Program)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to address the most serious public safety and justice needs by increasing the capacity of Tribal law enforcement and Tribal Court staff, and by enhancing and expanding available justice services; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribal Justice System (“Justice System”) needs additional police officers, a civilian staff member to coordinate community policing initiatives, and additional resources such as training and equipment to properly protect and serve the ever-growing population of residents and visitors on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and

WHEREAS, The Justice System also needs to address the overpopulation of its correctional facility and promote recovery of justice-involved individuals by developing and expanding pretrial and probation services, developing alternative justice courts, such as Healing to Wellness, and exploring diversion and alternatives to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the Tribal Justice System’s capacity to mitigate the community-level impact of crime and violence and reduce substance related criminal activity requires resources that are not currently available via existing funding sources; and

WHEREAS, A funding opportunity for up to \$2,700,000 is available through the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (“CTAS”) Purpose Areas 1, 3, and 5 (up to \$900,000 for each Purpose Area) to:

- 1) Address the most serious tribal law enforcement needs;
- 2) Support tribal efforts to develop, support and enhance tribal justice systems and prevent crime; and
- 3) Improve the criminal justice system response to violence against women; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council supports the White Mountain Apache Tribal Justice System’s efforts to address the most serious public safety and justice needs of the White Mountain Apache

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community and finds that approving the application to the CTAS grants program 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 authorizes the Tribal Court and Police Department to timely complete applications and apply for funds available through the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that should the grants, or portions thereof, be awarded to the Tribe, the Tribal Secretary is instructed to, with the applicable departments, develop an account and budget for expenditures.

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 **JANUARY 29, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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