

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribe's Land Operations Department to Apply for Regenerative Grazing Initiative Grant from the Cedar Tree Foundation)

- 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, The Tribal Council desires to decrease conflict between Tribal Member-owned cattle and Mexican Grey Wolves; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council desires to implement regenerative grazing practices within a management paradigm that considers soil health, rangeland productivity, and natural resource conservation; and
- WHEREAS, Funding for these purposes is available through the Cedar Tree Foundation Regenerative Grazing Initiative ("Grant"), which does not require a tribal match; and
- WHEREAS, The Land Operations staff, this day, seek to obtain approval to apply for grant funds provided by the Cedar Tree Foundation Regenerative Grazing Initiative Grant Program, for training for and implementation of regenerative grazing practices; and
- WHEREAS, Recognizing and appreciating the cultural significance of both the livestock industry and natural resource conservation to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Council finds that authorizing the Land Operations Department to seek the Grant will help the Tribe maintain and promote sound natural resource management practices, 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 it hereby authorizes the Tribe's Land Operations Department to apply for the Cedar Tree Foundation Regenerative Grazing Initiative Project, and instructs the Land Operations Department to make a timely and complete submission of the grant application and supporting materials.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, should the grant be awarded, the Land Operations Department and the Tribal Treasurer are instructed to develop a budget for receipts and expenditures thereunder.

**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 FEBRUARY 10, 2020 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).

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