



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving Address Location and Assignment Efforts by Ad Hoc Group)

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power, “To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and
- WHEREAS,** Residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) face increased risks associated with slow emergency response times because ambulance, law enforcement and fire personnel have difficulty in finding their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and Navajo County lose large sums of needed revenue due to an incomplete count by the U.S. Census; and
- WHEREAS,** Address difficulties also make it difficult for member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to register to vote, which dilutes and diminishes the political power of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** An ad hoc group of individuals (“Ad Hoc Group”) representing Tribal Ambulance, Fire, Police, Housing; and Navajo County Sheriff, Public Works, County Attorney and other county leadership; as well as the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, the Rural Utah Project, and community groups have come together to solve these problems through promotion and distribution of geographical addressing technology; and
- WHEREAS,** Google Inc. provides maps and a system of Plus Codes that can be used to pinpoint any occupied dwelling on the Reservation, which system has been used very successfully in providing emergency services, accurate Census counts and voter registration for tribal areas in San Juan County, Utah; and
- WHEREAS,** The Ad Hoc Group proposes to use the Plus Codes to create useable addresses for Reservation homes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the proposal by the ad hoc group and finds that approving their efforts on the Reservation will help to ensure quick emergency response times, will promote an accurate census count of all of the Reservation’s residents and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**Resolution No. 02-2020-23**


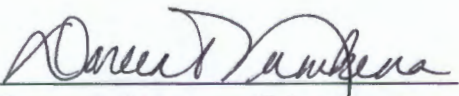
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Ad Hoc Group is hereby approved to take the following actions:

1. For areas of the Reservation covered by the Master Street Address Guide, to review the MSAG, and add dwelling units not included in the MSAG;
2. For areas of the Reservation either covered by MSAG or not covered, to collect Google Plus Codes;
3. For all occupied dwelling units on the Reservation, provide Google Plus Code address plates and refrigerator magnets for each dwelling unit;
4. Provide public safety agencies, including Public Safety Answering Points, with complete lists of the locations, identified by MSAG address, longitude/latitude (geo-code), Google Plus Code, and red address number (if available);
5. Provide all data to the U.S. Census Bureau and seek help from U.S. Congressman Tom O'Halleran to encourage the Census Bureau to use all the data to provide a complete count of the residents of the Reservation; and
6. Provide each eligible resident of the Reservation an opportunity to register to vote in non-tribal elections, specifying membership in the Democratic Party, Republican Party, No Party Preference, or any other officially recognized party option.

**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, 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