

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Committing to Collaborate on Lobbying Efforts with White Mountain Apache Head Start to Secure Funding for Three Replacement Buildings)

- WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Head Start Program ("Head Start") and the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe"), both provide valuable early childhood development services to the children of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, All three current Head Start centers are dilapidated and in serious need of repair; and
- WHEREAS, A replacement for the Whiteriver center will need twelve classrooms, a bathroom, eight office spaces, a lobby, kitchen, storage spaces and a multi-purpose room, and cost approximately \$12,292,858.00; and
- WHEREAS, Replacement centers for McNary and Cibecue will each require three classrooms with bathrooms, five office spaces, a kitchen, lobby, storage spaces, and a multi-purpose room. The cost for a McNary replacement building is \$6,863,665.00, while the cost for the Cibecue replacement building is \$7,505,190.00; and
- WHEREAS, The total cost for the three replacement Head Start buildings is approximately \$26,661,713.00; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has a legal and fiscal responsibility for administering and overseeing the Head Start program; and
- WHEREAS, Head Start, this day, seeks the assistance of the Tribe in seeking funding to construct and equip the needed Head Start centers; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has considered Head Start's request and finds that pursuing all avenues of funding to construct the three buildings and collaborating with Head Start to do so will help provide safe and modern buildings for the Tribe's children, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its member.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to collaborate with the WMAT Head Start program to request funding from all sources to seek funding to build three new Head Start buildings in Whiteriver, McNary and Cibecue.

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 <u>FEBRUARY 10, 2020</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date