



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Joseph Thomas Bragg, Jr.  
on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation )**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Joseph Thomas Bragg, Jr., passed away and that funeral arrangements are pending; and
- WHEREAS,** The decedent’s family requests that the Tribal Council authorize burial of the deceased, Joseph Thomas Bragg, Jr., at Tiapia Cemetery on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Although Joseph Thomas Bragg, Jr., was not a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tribal Council finds that the request made herein should be granted; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that the assistance provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache and in sympathy to the family; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgent need to complete funeral service arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that the assistance requested herein needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to bury the decedent, Joseph Thomas Bragg, Jr., at the Tiapia Cemetery.

**Resolution No. 02-2020-43**


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures from members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.


**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 18, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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).

 02/19/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date  
*Travis W. Essay Sr. Acting Chairman*

 2/19/2020  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date

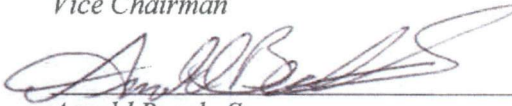
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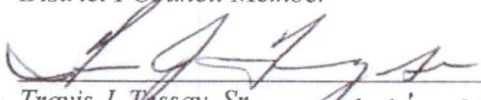
Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution  
Initiated the ~~18th~~ <sup>19th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council  
Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood  
Tribal Chairwoman  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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Jerome Kasey III  
Vice Chairman  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials \_\_\_\_\_


  
Arnold Beach, Sr.  
District I Council Member  
Date Signed 02/18/20 TCS Initials ATM

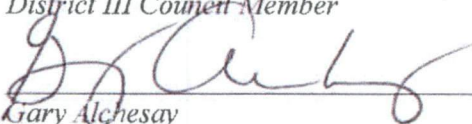
  
Travis J. Tessay, Sr.  
District I Council Member  
*Acting Chairman*  
Date Signed 02/19/2020 TCS Initials ATM

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Jerold Altaha  
District II Council Member  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials \_\_\_\_\_

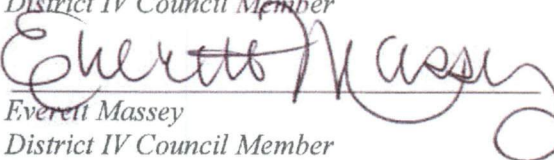
  
Renaldo Dazen  
District II Council Member  
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Ralph Thomas  
District III Council Member  
Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials ATM


  
Alvin Declay, Sr.  
District III Council Member  
Date Signed 02/18/20 TCS Initials ATM

  
Gary Alchesay  
District IV Council Member  
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Alvena Bush  
District IV Council Member  
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Everett Massey  
District IV Council Member  
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**ATTEST:**

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

2/19/2020  
Date Signed