



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Extending Closure of all Non-Essential Tribal Operations Until at Least May 8th, 2020)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all manners that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern regarding COVID-19 on January 30, 2020; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and the Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide, there is a total of 2,810,325 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 193,825 fatalities as of April 25, 2020, with no current treatment available; and

WHEREAS, The most effective strategies for containment and mitigation of this pandemic are proving to be social distancing and quarantine; and

WHEREAS, Chapter two of the Tribe’s Health and Safety Code provides the Tribe with authority to institute measures to prevent the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that extending the closure of all non-essential Tribal operations to be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the interest of protecting the health and safety of all Tribal members the closure of non-essential Tribal operations is extended until, at least, May 8, 2020 when the Tribal Council will review further recommendations from the WMAT Emergency Operations Commission (“EOC”) and reports from the epidemiologists. Essential services shall be those as defined in previous resolutions and directives, and as may be defined in the future by the Tribe’s EOC, Tribal Council and program supervisors.

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.

Resolution No. 04-2020-91

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.

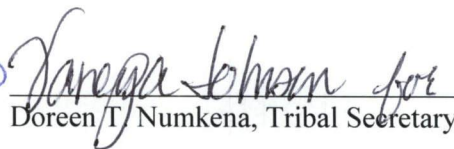
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **APRIL 27, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** 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

4/30/2020
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

4/30/2020
Date