



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### ( Implementing Temporary Restrictions and Extending Closure )

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain 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; the 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,** the Tribe has a total of 516 positive COVID-19 cases as of May 21, 2020 with four confirmed deaths; 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;
- WHEREAS,** Today, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health (“JHCAIH”) presented three reports for the Tribe’s consideration: (1) COVID-19 Data Briefing for WMA Tribe date May 21, 2020; (2) Considerations for Re-Opening the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and (3) Overview of May 21, 2020 Data Report, WMAT;
- WHEREAS,** The objectives the of the data report are to: (1) understand the conditions of the state of COVID-19 on the FAIR and testing patterns; (2) monitor the trends and death rates on the FAIR; and (3) provide information that will assist the Tribe in its determination whether to lift restrictions; and
- WHEREAS,** In light of the data provided by JHCAIH indicating continued growth of COVID-19 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Tribal Council has a compelling government interest to take additional measures to protect the health and safety of the public.

