

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Benjamin Yazzie on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Benjamin Yazzie, a life-long resident of the Hondah community is in the final stages of his life; and
- WHEREAS, The children request that the Tribal Council authorize for their father, Benjamin Yazzie, to be buried at Hondah Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS, Although Benjamin Yazzie 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 request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe who extends their sympathy to the family; and
- **WHEREAS**, Given the current restrictions and the need to complete funeral service arrangements, the Tribal Council finds that the request made should be considered.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange the burial of their father, Benjamin Yazzie, at the Hondah Cemetery.

**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 MAY 22, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN 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

## Resolution No. <u>05-2020-107</u>

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