



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating CARES Act Funds for Purposes Including Modular Building Purchases, Establishing a Tribal Emergency Manager and the Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“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 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. The Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, As of June 1, 2020, there are a total of 769 positive COVID-19 diagnoses on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”), with seven confirmed deaths; and

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, enacted on March 27, 2020 (“CARES Act”), provides for, among other things, emergency assistance for state, local, and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe qualified for and was awarded emergency funding pursuant to the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that the Tribe utilize a portion of these funds for:

- The purchase, transportation, installation and maintenance of seven modular buildings to be used by the Tribe’s Emergency Management Service (“EMS”) and for other Tribal purposes, including isolation and quarantine sites, in response to needs created by COVID-19;
- The creation and funding of a Tribal Emergency Manager job position, to be advertised and selected consistent with the provisions of the Tribe’s Personnel Policies; and
- The procurement of personal protective equipment for Tribal departments and employees who require such.

WHEREAS, The Council finds that utilizing a portion of the CARES Act funds for the above-listed purposes is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

Resolution No. 06-2020-121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a portion of the CARES Act funding awarded to the Tribe is hereby allocated for:

- 1) The purchase, transportation, installation and maintenance of seven modular buildings to be used by the Tribe's Emergency Management Service ("EMS") and for other Tribal purposes in response to needs created by COVID-19;
- 2) The creation and funding of a Tribal Emergency Manager job position, to be advertised and selected consistent with the provisions of the Tribe's Personnel Policies; and
- 3) The procurement of personal protective equipment for Tribal departments and employees who require such.

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 **JUNE 2, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
	
Date	Date