



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving the Purchase of 16 Vehicles to Help Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

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- 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,** The Emergency Declaration activated the Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) related to the COVID-19 Incident who are charged with responding to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** The EOC has implemented several prevention and mitigation strategies including three designated Isolation and Quarantine Sites, an EOC Food Distribution Site, and Case Management under the Community Health Representatives (“CHR”); 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,** In light of the continued growth of COVID-19 worldwide, including within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Council has a compelling government interest to take additional measures to protect the health and safety of the public; and
- WHEREAS,** The implementation of the prevention and mitigation strategies require tribal vehicles for the purposes of community outreach and response, which is currently being accomplished by old fleet vehicles requiring constant maintenance and services or by the personally owned vehicles of personnel which raises liability issues; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that utilizing CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funding (“CRF”) at this time will help Tribal department respond safely and in a timely fashion to all of the many needs caused by COVID-19, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**Resolution No. 06-2020-122**

**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 following vehicle purchases are hereby approved to efficiently effectuate the Tribe's prevention and mitigation strategies:

1. One pickup truck for the Emergency Operations Center;
2. Four vehicles for the Community Health Representative program;
3. Five vehicles for the purposes of security;
4. Three vans for the Elderly Feeding Site;
5. One pickup truck for the Cibecue Complex;
6. One dually truck for Doxol Propane; and
7. One pickup truck for the KNNB Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Treasurer shall allocate the appropriate funds from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds for the purposes of this resolution.

**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 **JUNE 11, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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 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

8/28/2020  
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

8/28/2020  
Date