



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Extending COVID-19 Related Restrictions and Guidelines Until July 4, 2020)

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. The Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, In light of the continued spread of COVID-19 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Council finds that extending previously enacted closures of Tribal Departments, enterprises, and all other restrictions and guidelines is necessary and in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all current restrictions and guidelines effectuated by all prior resolutions related to the WMAT COVID-19 Incident shall be extended until, at least, July 4th, 2020.

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.

Resolution No. 06-2020-127

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 18, 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).

 7/9/2020  7-9-2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date

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