



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Indian Health Service Healthcare Workers to Rent Rooms at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino Hotel)

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

**WHEREAS,** As of June 18, 2020, there are a total of 1422 positive COVID-19 diagnoses on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”), with eighteen confirmed deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service is in need of hotel accommodations for their healthcare workers; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the geographically remote location of Whiteriver, it can be challenging to find adequate hotel accommodations in the White Mountain especially in the summer months; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council finds authorizing Indian Health Service healthcare workers to rent rooms at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino Hotel is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Indian Health Service healthcare workers to rent rooms at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino Hotel at a rate determined by the Emergency Operations Center and the Hon-Dah management team

**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.

***Resolution No. 06-2020-131***

**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 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 ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

 6/24/2020  6/24/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date