

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Emergency Operations Center's Proposal for an Alternate Care Site Utilizing Tents and Proposed \$1.4 Million Budget for the Same)

- 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 matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe"; and
- WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, the Tribe made an Emergency Declaration regarding the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in response to the worldwide pandemic, thereby activating the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center; and
- WHEREAS, To fill the growing need to house COVID-19 patients securely and safely, the Emergency Operations Center established an isolation and quarantine site at the Rainbow Treatment Center on May 01, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Council subsequently designated Hon-Dah Resort Casino Hotel as an alternate care site to house COVID-19 patients; and
- WHEREAS, The EOC, this day, proposes the establishment of an additional isolation and quarantine site to house COVID-19 patients in tent structures ("Alternate Care Site"), as may be necessary in coming days; and
- WHEREAS, The EOC has submitted a \$1.4 million budget proposal for this purpose to the Council for their consideration (Proposed Budget attached and incorporated herein); and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has carefully considered the EOC's proposal for an Alternate Care Site and the proposed \$1.4 million budget for the same, and finds that approving both will help the Tribe be prepared should incidences of COVID patients needing housing exceed the current capacities of the Tribe's isolation and quarantine site and alternate quarantine site, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby approves the plan of the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center to establish an alternate care site, and the attached \$1.4 million budget for the site, contingent on the Tribal Treasurer's approval of salaries and other financial expenditures for the site.

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 <u>JUNE 24, 2020</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date