



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Declaring Sunday, August 2nd as an Inter-Tribal Apache Day of Prayer)

- 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,** Since March, as the world has been in the grips of worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribe has taken proactive efforts to avoid, mitigate, and treat incidences of this terrible disease amongst our own people and community members; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite the tireless efforts of so many, COVID-19 continues to grow, not only on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation but also amongst our sister-tribe on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** As Apache (Ndee/Nnee) people, together, we have thrived through centuries of hardship and opposition, by the grace and blessings of our Creator, Bik’e’odaan; and
- WHEREAS,** We have faith, that He who Placed us Here, in our sacred Apache homeland did so that we may have a beautiful life and create a wonderful future for those Apaches who will come after us; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to secure this future, we must pray together, as Apaches, for the Creator’s mercy, and for the strength and wisdom to overcome this awful disease.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Sunday, August 2, 2020 is hereby declared as an Inter-Tribal Apache Day of Prayer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that on this day, and continually thereafter, the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe will join in mighty prayer with our relatives of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, to petition the Creator for deliverance from COVID-19, for comfort to those whom have suffered sickness and loss of loved ones, and for the wisdom and strength to overcome this modern plague.

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

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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 **JULY 30, 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).

 8/24/2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 8/24/2020
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date