

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$648,750.00 of CARES Act Relief Funds for the White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue Cibecue Fire Station and the Purchase of a New Fire Truck)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(k) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To appropriate tribal funds for tribal purposes and to expend such funds in accordance with an annual budget"; and
- **WHEREAS**, White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue ("WMAFD") provides essential first responder services to the Tribe and its members; and
- **WHEREAS,** WMAFD reports to Council that on account of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, it faces shortages in resources and needs an additional \$178,750.00 in funds so that the Cibecue Fire Station can continue to fulfil its vital mission; and
- **WHEREAS,** WMAFD also requires an additional fire truck, which it anticipates to cost \$350,000.00. and \$120,000.00 for radios; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council sees fit to utilize funding received from the U.S. Department of Treasury from the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") pursuant to Sections 601(a)(2)(B) and (a)(c)(7) of the Security Act of 2020 and as appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act of 2020 (S.3548, H.R. 748, P.L. 116-136, as amended), as the request of the WMAFD meets the requirements set forth in that it is: (1) a necessary expenditure incurred by WMAFD due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; (2) the request was not accounted for in the Tribe's most recently approved budget; and (3) the expense has been incurred since March 1, 2020 and before December 30, 2020; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council has reviewed the request made by WMAFD and finds that granting their request is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that \$648,750.00 in CRF funds are hereby allocated for White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue's Cibecue Fire Station to help it recover from strains placed on its resources by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to enable it to continue to provide essential first responder services for the community, and for the purchase of a new fire truck.

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 <u>AUGUST 07, 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