



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving Submission of Paper Entitled “We Know Who we are and What is Needed: Achieving Healing, Harmony and Balance in Ndee Institutions” for Publication in the Journal *Advances in Archaeological Practice*)**

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- 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,** Nicholas Laluk and Benrita Burnette seek council approval to submit the article titled *We Know Who we are and What is Needed: Achieving Healing, Harmony and Balance in Ndee Institutions* to the peer-reviewed journal *Advances in Archaeological Practice* (the “Article”); and
- WHEREAS,** Nicholas Laluk and Benrita Burnette have past and ongoing affiliations to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Historic Preservation Office where they have been employed and still serve as cultural advisors and consultants; and
- WHEREAS,** The beauty, diversity, and significance of these tribal trust lands is amply reflected in cultural sites, objects, and traditions that serve as sources of vitality, inspiration, orientation, identities, and senses of place and connectivity for American Indian people, communities, tribes, and nations; and
- WHEREAS,** Much of White Mountain Apache history has been written about by non-Apache individuals and does not effectively or fully represent Apache perspectives about our own culture and history; and
- WHEREAS,** White Mountain Apache Tribal-members Nicholas Laluk and Benrita Burnette are continually advocating for more Tribally-controlled and sovereignty-based research that allows White Mountain Apache tribal members to tell their own history and continue to decolonize the anthropological and archaeological discipline; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe asserts all sovereign and beneficial ownership rights to Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to all materials and information obtained or derived from those lands, including cultural resources and associated information, images, and other data and media, except where these rights have been explicitly divested by the Tribe through processes resulting from free, prior, informed consent; and
- WHEREAS,** All original data associated with the publication of this article, including notes and photographs, remains the property of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and are filed at

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the Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has reviewed this request and finds that submission of the Article by Tribal members Mr. Laluk and Ms. Burnette will help the Tribe tell its history from its own perspectives, and 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 gives permission to Mr. Nicholas Laluk and Ms. Benrita Burnette to submit the article titled *We Know Who we are and What is Needed: Achieving Healing, Harmony and Balance in Ndee Institutions* to the peer-reviewed journal *Advances in Archaeological Practice* for review and publication.

**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 AUGUST 5, 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).

 8/24/2020  8/24/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date