



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Client Business Office's Budget Request for Vehicles and Personnel to be Allocated from CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds)

- 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 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; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and the Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Client Business Office ("CBO") normally provides non-emergency medical transportation to all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS,** During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CBO transportation vehicles and drivers were brought on board by the EOC to transport tribal members diagnosed with COVID-19 as part of the Tribe's Prevention and Mitigation Strategies; and
- WHEREAS,** The CBO also received two other Division of Health Program personnel to serve as dispatchers to assist with the high volume of calls specific to COVID-19 but with the Tribe's reopening, CBO stands to lose these two personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** The CBO's fleet has sustained substantial 'wear and tear' resulting from COVID-19 transports all over the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** These vehicles and personnel are not currently provided for in CBO's current operating budget as approved by Indian Health Service; and
- WHEREAS,** The CBO Director has, this day, come before the Council to submit a formal request (attached and incorporated herein) for the purchase of vehicles and the hiring of personnel for the department; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the CBO's request and finds that allocating CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to approve their purchase of new vehicles and hiring of

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additional personnel will help them better fulfil their vital mission 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 approves the Client Business Office's request for the following, to be allocated from CARES ACT CRF funds:

1. Four New 2020 SUV's totaling \$120,000, subject to the Tribe's Procurement Policy, unless otherwise agreed upon; and
2. The hiring of two Dispatchers on an Emergency Hire basis, subject to the Tribe's Personnel Policy and Procedures, to also include a 15% fringe benefits totaling \$23,184 with the understanding that the Cares Act assistance is currently scheduled to expire on December 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Treasurer to allocate funding from the Cares Act to effectuate this resolution.

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 7, 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).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

11/4/2020
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

11-5-2020
Date