

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Purchase of New Law Enforcement Vehicles for Game Ranger Program not to Exceed \$306,500)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe...; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe operates a Game and Fish Department, which is responsible for managing outdoor recreation, for protecting and improving game and fish habitat, and for promoting public safety and enforcing the Tribe's laws in wildlife areas on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The primary law enforcement responsibility within the Game and Fish Department is to promote public safety and enforce the Tribe's laws in wildlife areas on the Reservation, and is administered by the Game and Fish Department's Game Ranger Program; and
- WHEREAS, Game and Fish informed the Council that their law enforcement vehicles are old and often encounter mechanical failure, requiring costly maintenance, subjecting Game Rangers to potentially dangerous situations in remote locations; and
- WHEREAS, This day, Game and Fish requested seven new law enforcement vehicles, needed to enable them to safely enforce the Tribe's laws in remote locations; and
- WHEREAS, The Council has considered Game and Fish's request, and finds that the purchase of seven new law enforcement vehicles for Game and Fish will contribute to the safety of the Tribe and its members.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and directs the Game and Fish Department to purchase seven new three-quarter ton pickup trucks for a price not to exceed \$40,000 per unit, and additionally to furnish all vehicles with public safety grade radios, sirens, and emergency lights for a price not to exceed \$26,500 total, for all vehicles, for an amount not to exceed \$306,500.00.

**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 10, 2020</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>TWO</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

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date