

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Granting a One-Time Waiver of Financial Needs Analysis for Tribal Scholarship for the 2020 Fall Semester)

- 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 Tribal Education Department, Indian Education Committee, and the Office of Higher Education were created to oversee all educational matters within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, The Scholarship Review Committee was created as the governing body of the scholarship funds with responsibilities including reviewing applicant eligibility, prioritize selections, evaluate student progress, and hear appeals; and
- WHEREAS, One requirement of the Tribal scholarship is a Financial Needs Analysis ("FNA"), which provides information on students' financial status and unmet need figures used in determining eligibility for funding; and
- WHEREAS, A number of Tribal members approached the Tribal Council expressing difficulty in obtaining an FNA during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to fulfill the Tribal Scholarship requirements; and
- WHEREAS, Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey III proposed a one-time waiver of the FNA requirement for the Tribal Scholarship for the Fall 2020 semester in order to allow students affected to continue to receive their tribal scholarship; and
- WHEREAS, Given the urgency of the fall semester beginning soon for college students, the Tribal Council finds that approving a one-time waiver of the FNA requirement for the Tribal Scholarship for the Fall 2020 semester is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby waives the FNA for the Tribal Scholarship for the Fall 2020 semester.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby waives any CFR rules requiring the Tribal Office of Higher Education to include FNAs as a requirement for the Tribal Scholarship for the fall 2020 semester.

**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>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

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary