



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allowing Wood Cutting During the Month of September, 2020)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(f) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe...; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Natural Resources Code currently does not permit gathering of wood in the Tribe’s forests during September, out of safety concerns because of hunting; and

WHEREAS, This year, wood collection for Tribal members was not permitted for several months because of quarantine and social distancing precautions enacted by Council to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The inability to collect wood for part of the season has left many Tribal members short of necessary firewood for the winter; and

WHEREAS, Council now finds it in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to grant a one-month exemption to the Natural Resources Code, for the month of September 2020, to allow Tribal members to cut wood from the Tribe’s forests.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that during the month of September 2020, Tribal members may cut wood from the Tribe’s forests through a free-use permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all wood cutting hereunder shall occur between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

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.

Resolution No. 09-2020-216

The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 3, 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).

 9/9/2020  9-9-2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date