



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Hon-Dah Casino to Initiate Phase II Reopening)

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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(i) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe...”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe owns Hon-Dah Casino & Conference Center (“Hon-Dah”), which manages and operates a casino/hotel/conference center; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, Hon-Dah closed to the general public, and has since partially re-opened via Phase I of its reopening plan; and

**WHEREAS,** Hon-Dah’s General Manger and Assistant General Manager (“Hon-Dah Management”), this day, propose to initiate Phase II of Hon-Dah’s reopening plan, effective September 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Phase II consists of:

- A limited expansion of the Phase I reopening of the gaming floor, through and including the South portion of the casino, for a total of 440 gaming devices operating (see attached map, incorporated herein by reference); and
- Reopening of the Card (poker and blackjack) Room;
- Reopening of the Snack Bar, and usage of the Indian Pine Restaurant floor for Snack Bar seating only;
- Posting of security at all open entrances, (including a reopened Southwest entrance) to screen customer temperature and regulate a capacity of 480 guests; and

**WHEREAS,** The Spirits Bar will remain closed, and no liquor shall be served on Hon-Dah property, until further notice from the Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hon-Dah Resort Casino Health & Sanitation Plan shall continue to be implemented to ensure the safety of customers and employees; and

**WHEREAS,** Only the day and swing shifts will be activated from 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM, with the graveyard shift time period utilized for deep cleaning and sanitation and slot drop; and

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**WHEREAS,** After two weeks of successful implementation of Phase II, Hon-Dah Management and the Tribe's EOC and public health experts shall evaluate progress and consider recommending moving to Phase III to the Council; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed Hon-Dah Management's recommendation and consulted with the Tribe's EOC and public health experts, and finds that authorizing Hon-Dah to implement Phase II 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 Hon-Dah Management is hereby authorized to initiate Phase II of the Hon-Dah reopening plan, as described herein, effective September 12, 2020.

**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 **SEPTEMBER 10, 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).

	
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
9/10/2020	9-10-2020
Date	Date