



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Hon Dah Casino to Initiate Phase III of its Reopening Plan)

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 18th, 2020, due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, Hon-Dah closed to the general public, and has since partially re-opened via Phase I and II of its reopening plan; and

WHEREAS, Hon-Dah’s General Manager and Assistant General Manager (“Hon-Dah Management”), this day, propose to initiate Phase III of Hon-Dah’s reopening plan, effective September 25, 2020 for the Casino Gaming Floor and September 28, 2020 for the Hon-Dah Hotel and Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Phase III consists of:

- Extending the casino’s business hours to 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. Sunday thru Thursday, and 24-Hours on Friday and Saturday;
- A limited reopening of the Hon-Dah Hotel consisting of Wings A and B;
- Only guests will be permitted in the hotel’s lobby;
- Hon-Dah Hotel Wing C shall remain closed until new mattresses arrive;
- Reopening of the Indian Pine Restaurant consisting of Social-distanced dining and menu ordering only (no buffet);
- Snack Bar items will be permitted on the casino gaming floor, effective September 25, 2020;
- Indian Pine Restaurant entry will be permitted from within the casino only;
- The pool will remain closed; and
- The Spirits bar will remain closed and no alcohol shall be served on the premises;
- A maximum of 750 individuals (including customers, guests and employees) will be permitted in the casino and hotel, combined.

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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, with the graveyard shift time period utilized for deep cleaning and sanitation and slot drop with the Exception of Friday and Saturday 24-Hour Operation; 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 III, effective September 25th, 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 III of the Hon-Dah reopening plan, as described herein, effective September 25, 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 24 , 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ONE** 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

9/24/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

9-24-2020

Date