



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Willie Zagotah's Land Assignment Relinquishment and Business Site Assignment Application by Rencher Paxson Jr. to Establish New Harvest Church)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(m) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To provide by ordinance for the assignment, use, or transfer of tribal lands within the reservation"; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 2 of the Tribe's Land Code provides the Council with the authority to approve or disapprove of recommendations made by the Land Board for the assignment of Tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal member, Rencher Paxson Jr. wishes to establish a New Harvest Church on a land assignment currently held by Willie Zagotah; and
- WHEREAS,** The Land Board, on September 14, 2020, reviewed the relinquishment form of Mr. Zagotah to this land assignment and the Business Assignment application by Mr. Paxson for the proposed church on the same land, and this day, recommends them to Council for approval.
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the applications presented and concurs with the recommendation of the Land Office and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to approve Mr. Zagotah's relinquishment and Mr. Paxson's business assignment application.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the relinquishment form signed by Willie Zagotah and the business application for the New Harvest Church filed by Rencher Paxson.

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 it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, 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 the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 09-2020-226

The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 24, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for and **ZERO** against with **ZERO** abstaining 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).



9/24/2020

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date



9-24-2020

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date