



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$5,100,789.00 of CARES Act Funds for White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue Department)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(k) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To appropriate tribal funds for tribal purposes...; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe received funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (the “CARES Act”) to assist in mitigating and responding to the threat of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue Department (“WMAF&R”) provides fire suppression, medical assistance, fire investigation and technical rescue responses to the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** WMAF&R has communicated the need for several fire apparatuses and required apparatus equipment for fire suppression, which will help with the response of both human and naturally caused fires in our wildland urban interface (“WUI”). The Tribe is facing the ongoing drought condition which is now compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. These conditions have limited the Southwestern fire suppression resources of the United States. The Tribe must secure needed equipment to protect the WUI and natural resources of the Reservation with limited county, state, and federal assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAF&R has communicated the need for two aerial ladder fire apparatuses and required apparatus equipment for fire suppression, which will help with the response to very large structure fires, and will protect our government buildings, hospital, many large schools and casino and hotel, which hotel serves as part of the Tribe’s official quarantine site and the schools, which are Tribal and Red Cross designated shelter sites; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAF&R has communicated the need for sets of structural fire personal protective equipment (PPE), and wildland fire PPE for its firefighters, which will help protect the firefighters during suppression of fires, minimizing the threat of harmful smoke and toxic gases to patients and residents who are recovering from mild and long term extreme effects of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAF&R has also communicated the need for UTV vehicles, which will be used for searches of missing persons and evacuation of person and patients due to poor road

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access during severe inclement weather. During this pandemic, the Department has had to search for COVID-19 patients who fled from the Health Care Providers. It has been reported that people fear to be hospitalized. The belief is “those who are admitted into the hospital with COVID-19 never come back; and

WHEREAS, WMAF&R has also communicated the need for plumbing repairs at the fire station, to enable first responders to decontaminate themselves and their equipment from the harmful incomplete combustion byproducts which are known to contain human carcinogens and pathogens, including viruses; and

WHEREAS, WMAF&R has also communicated the need for two new mobile homes at two fire stations located over 50 miles apart, which can serve as a quarantine sites for first responders and will be a part of the WMAF&R’s Continuity of Operations Plan in the event that the fire stations must be shut down due to COVID-19 or other harmful exposures; and

WHEREAS, WMAF&R, this day, requests the allocation of \$5,100,789.00 of the Tribe’s CARES Act funds to fill the above-stated essential investments; and

WHEREAS, The Council has considered White Mountain Apache Fire & Rescue’s request and finds that making the requested allocation will enable them to continue to respond to all types of 911 emergency calls during and will after the COVID-19 Pandemic, and 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 \$5,100,789.00 of the Tribe’s CARES Act funds are hereby allocated to the White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue Department for the purpose of fulfilling those essential needs listed above.

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.

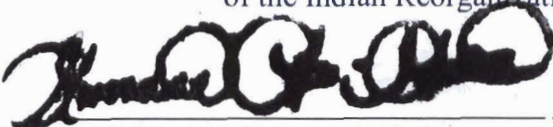
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 **NOVEMBER 17, 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

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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

1/28/2021

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

1-28-2021

Date