



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Allocating CARES Act Funds for Relief Payments to Individual Tribal Members Based on Demonstrations of Need)

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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(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,** The Council has been made aware of the extraordinary needs of many Tribal members, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and related hardships; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been proposed that the Tribe use a portion of its CARES Act funds to provide \$300.00 relief payments to individual Tribal members, upon demonstration of need; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Treasurer has developed a form on which Tribal members can attest to the negative financial impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their need for relief; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that allocating CARES Act funds for the purpose of making relief payments to individual Tribal members will help address the extraordinary hardships caused to our community by COVID-19, 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 a portion of the Tribe’s CARES Act funds are hereby allocated for the purpose of making individual relief payments to Tribal members who demonstrate need because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$300.00 per individual payment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Treasurer’s Office is hereby entrusted with the responsibility of administering such funds, including collecting and retaining forms to demonstrate actual need, making eligibility determinations, disbursing funds as needed, and maintaining an accounting of all funds distributed as relief payments.


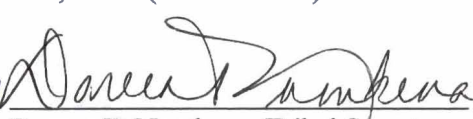
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal

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**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 **DECEMBER 8, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

	<u>1/28/2021</u>		<u>1-28-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date