



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Kashena Shawl Jefferson on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

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**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Kashena Shawl Jefferson, who was born and raised on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, has passed away; and

**WHEREAS,** The family requests authorization for Ms. Jefferson to be buried on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and

**WHEREAS,** Although Ms. Jefferson was not a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, she was half White Mountain Apache and enrolled with another tribe, and she resided on the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe who extends their sympathy to the family.

**WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of funeral arrangements, the Council further finds that this burial request needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Council personally; (3) the absence of a signature by a Council member shall count as a vote in opposition to this Resolution; and (4) that the Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote, by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for their vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, pending the meeting of the below walkthrough criteria, it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange the burial of Kashena Shawl Jefferson on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) by the Tribal Council Secretary's attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, and that (c) the absence of a signature by a Council member shall count as a vote in opposition to this

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Resolution, and (d) that the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**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 **JANUARY 19, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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

1/19/2021  
Date

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

1/19/2021  
Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution Initiated the 19th day of January, 2021

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood 1/19/21 gj TCS Initials  
Tribal Chairwoman Date Signed

Jerome Kasey III \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
Vice Chairman Date Signed

Arnold Beach, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
District I Council Member Date Signed

Travis J. Tessay, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
District I Council Member Date Signed

Jerold Altaha 1-19-21 gj TCS Initials  
District II Council Member Date Signed

Renaldo Dazen 19 Jan 2021 gj TCS Initials  
District II Council Member Date Signed

Aubrey Aday, Sr. 1/19/21 gj TCS Initials  
District III Council Member Date Signed

Alvin Declay, Sr. 01/19/21 gj TCS Initials  
District III Council Member Date Signed

Gary Alchesay \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
District IV Council Member Date Signed

Alvena Bush 1-19-21 gj TCS Initials  
District IV Council Member Date Signed

Kasey Velasquez \_\_\_\_\_ TCS Initials  
District IV Council Member Date Signed

**ATTEST:**

Doreen Numkena  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

01/19/2021  
Date Signed

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 Jerome Kasey III Vice Chairman	19Jan21	
Arnold Beach, Sr. District I Council Member		
Travis J. Tessay, Sr. District I Council Member		
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