



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children Food Security Committee to Conduct a Survey of Community Members Regarding Food Insecurity)

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Tribal members face long-term health issues related to a variety of factors, including ability to access health services and acquire nutritious food, especially during childhood; and
- WHEREAS,** Good health in childhood decreases the likelihood of developing long-term health issues such as diabetes and heart disease later in life; and
- WHEREAS,** Having consistent access to nutritious food is critical for good childhood health and development, improving long-term physical and mental health, education outcomes, and social and emotional well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** There is currently little data on Tribal member childrens’ access to nutritious food, including data regarding families’ awareness and use of food assistance programs, barriers to purchasing food, and distance from the nearest grocery store; and
- WHEREAS,** Various Tribal members, in collaboration with the Arizona Food Bank Network, formed the Apache Children Food Security Committee, Chagháshé Idáán Nht’éeé Básiiné (“Committee”), to uncover barriers to children's access to nutritious food and address the root causes of food insecurity among the Tribe's youth; and
- WHEREAS,** To identify barriers to nutritious food access and other factors contributing to child food insecurity, the Committee, this day, proposes to conduct the *Apache Children Food Insecurity Survey* (“Survey”); and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the Survey is to collect and analyze data about child food insecurity, including access to nutritious food, awareness of and access to food assistance programs, health conditions, and other relevant topics, using online and in-person survey methods; and

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**WHEREAS**, The Council has reviewed the request and finds that approving the Survey will help identify needs and resources related to childhood hunger among the Tribe, 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 it hereby authorizes the Apache Children Food Security Committee to distribute, collect responses for, and analyze data gathered from the Apache Child Food Insecurity Survey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Division of Health Programs to store the data collected from the Survey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby permits the Committee, after receiving explicit approval from the Council, to share data collected and analyses generated from the Survey with Tribal community organizations working to improve access to nutritious and culturally appropriate foods for the Tribe's youth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs anyone distributing the Survey in person to follow all safety measures put in place by the Council to prevent and reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2, including but not limited to wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, and abiding by curfews.

**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 APRIL 7, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and TWO 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

8/12/21

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

8-16-2021

Date