



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Research Study Entitled *Agricultural Commitment: A Comparative Study of Grasshopper and Kinishba Pueblos*)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “...To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, Northern Arizona University graduate student Maria Vidrine seeks Council approval for a proposed thesis research project (the “Project”) comparing existing data (maps, previous publications) collected by Dr. John Welch and others as well as GIS-based and ethnographic work to better understand past agricultural practices at Grasshopper and Kinishba Pueblos; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vidrine is under the supervision of the Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Dr. Nicholas Laluk and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Mark Altaha who will act as contact persons and provide guidance for the duration of the project; and

WHEREAS, Through the utilization of existing data in her analysis Maria Vidrine will be prioritizing least impact methods as outlined in the White Mountain Apache Cultural Heritage Best Management Practices; and

WHEREAS, The project is designed in consultation with White Mountain Apache Tribal Historic Preservation Office staff and prioritizes White Mountain Apache community-based methods; and voice and representation through a community engaged survey and interviews that stress White Mountain Apache perceptions of agricultural practices and methods; and

WHEREAS, The spatial analysis and ethnographic data will contribute to current White Mountain Apache self-determination practices by foregrounding past and present agricultural information that may contribute to tribal food sovereignty and food security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Maria Vidrine, pending IRB submittal and approval, plans to interview three tribal members recommended by Tribal Historic Preservation Office staff at their convenience; each consultant will be compensated for their time at a rate agreed to with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and

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WHEREAS, Maria Vidrine will be conducting her data collection portion of her research, pending all approvals, within the time frame of May 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, All original data associated with the publication of this article including notes and photographs will become the property of the Tribe and be filed at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the project a project report/thesis will be written up and a copy will be archived at the White Mountain Apache Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, The Council has considered the request and finds that authorizing the Project will contribute to the body of knowledge about the history of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including traditional ecological knowledge and agricultural practices, 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 Maria Vidrine to conduct the research project entitled "*Agricultural Commitment: A Comparative Study of Grasshopper and Kinishba Pueblos.*"

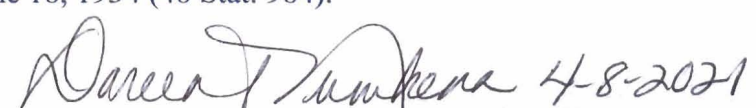
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 SIX for, TWO against, and THREE 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 Date 4/8/2021


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date 4-8-2021