

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribe's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Program to Apply for the "Strengthening Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention and Control in Arizona Tribal Lands" Grant)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, To accept grants and donations from any person, State, or the United States"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention Program ("RMSFPP") seeks to strengthen the Tribe's ability to prevent Rock Mountain Spotted Fever ("RMSF"), which has infected 79 members of the Tribe and caused four deaths between 2015 and 2020; and
- WHEREAS, The RMSPP has identified a grant opportunity, "CDC-RFA-CK21-2102: Strengthening Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention and Control in Arizona Tribal Lands" (the "Grant") with a possible award of up to \$350,000.00 per year for three years, and which does not require a tribal match; and
- WHEREAS, If awarded, the Grant funds would be used to address the free-roaming dogs on the Reservation, with the goal of reducing the spread of RMSF; and
- WHEREAS, Dogs are the primary transporter of the RMSF disease that has led to sickness and death among members; and
- WHEREAS, The Council finds that authorizing the RMSFPP to apply for the Grant 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 the Tribe's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention Program is hereby authorized to apply for the CDC-RFA-CK21-2102: Strengthening Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention and Control in Arizona Tribal Lands Grant, and is instructed to make a complete and timely submission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, the RMSFPP and the Tribal Treasurer are instructed to establish a budget and an account for receipts and expenditures thereof.

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 MAY 5, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date