



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Allocating ARPA Funds for the WMAT General Welfare Assistance Program to Adult Tribal Members who are Fully Vaccinated)

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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,** As result of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Tribe’s members have faced unprecedented economic, educational, and health-related hardships; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2020 (the “ARPA”) to assist in mitigating and responding to the threat of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been proposed that the Tribe use a portion of its ARPA funds to provide \$2,000.00 in COVID relief direct cash assistance payments to Tribal members who are 18 years and older as of April 11, 2021 and who are fully vaccinated before December 31, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** The Code of Federal Regulations, 31 CFR Part 35 authorizes household assistance and individual payments to members of populations facing negative economic impact due to the pandemic, so long as those payments are proportionate to the COVID relief payments issued to individuals by the federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** To qualify for the WMAT General Welfare Assistance Program, adult Tribal members must provide proof of full vaccination to the Tribal Treasurer’s Office; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Treasurer has developed a form on which Tribal members can attest under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to the vaccination records provided are true and correct; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that allocating ARPA funds for the purpose of making covid relief cash assistance payments to adult Tribal members who are fully vaccinated as part of the WMAT General Welfare Assistance Program 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 ARPA funds are hereby allocated for the WMAT General Welfare Assistance Program, which has the purpose of distributing covid relief cash assistance payments to Tribal members who are 18

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years and older as of April 11, 2021 and who are fully vaccinated as of December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

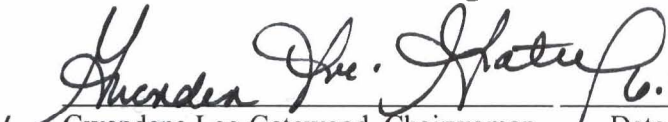
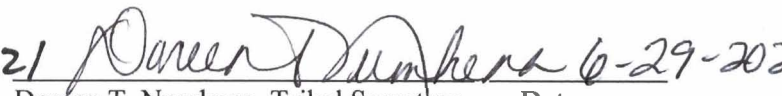
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Treasurer's Office is hereby entrusted with the responsibility of administering such funds, including collecting and verifying vaccinations records, and maintaining an accounting of all funds distributed as general welfare assistance 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 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 **JUNE 29, 2021**, duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** 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).

 6.29.21  6-29-2021  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date