

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving an Award of \$456,031.00 to Theodore Roosevelt School from the Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act Allocation)

- 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, The Tribe received Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal government as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117-2)("ARPA"), which are intended to provide support of state, local and tribal governments in responding to the impacts of COVID-19, and in their efforts to contain the spread of this disease amongst their communities; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council intends to make a portion of the ARPA allocation available across a broad array of Tribal programs to extend the benefits of ARPA funds throughout the Tribe;
- WHEREAS, Among eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds, provided for in federal guidelines, include addressing educational disparities; and
- WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt School is a Tribally-controlled school that serves qualifying schoolaged children of the Tribe and of other tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt School has submitted a detailed proposal for an award of \$456,031.00 to assist with critical facility needs and for program development; and
- WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt School's proposal includes the development and implementation of a therapeutic equine program that would operate from the stables at Fort Apache, in collaboration with the Fort Apache Historic Foundation, offering services to Theodore Roosevelt School students and other age-eligible and special needs students from local schools and programs; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that approving Theodore Roosevelt School's proposal will help address educational disparities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and across Indian Country, and will provide health-related programs to benefit the school and its students.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves an award to Theodore Roosevelt School in the amount of \$456,031.00 from the Tribe's ARPA allocation for the Theodore Roosevelt School program and facilities proposal, as detailed in the justification and budget attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Resolution.

Resolution No. <u>06-2021-120</u>

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 <u>JUNE 29, 2021</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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