

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Resumption of Beer and Wine Sales at Certain Locations)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To manage all economic affairs of the Tribe..."; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution also provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Council shall exercise the power "To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the] constitution"; and
- WHEREAS, On June 22, 2020, by Resolution 06-2020-132 "Prohibiting All Alcohol Sales on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Until January 1, 2021 and Instituting Additional Penalties for Prohibited Sales and Use of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs" the Council, as part of its response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, enacted measures to regulate the sale and usage of alcohol on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS, After the expiration of Resolution No. 06-2020-132, the Council extended the measures adopted therein through Resolution No. 12-2020-313 on December 31, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, The Council feels that given the progress of vaccination efforts on the Reservation and sustained drops in COVID-19 case numbers, and the economic impacts of the pandemic on the Tribe, that approving the resumption of sales of certain alcohol at specific locations 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 approves the resumption of beer and wine sales by Tribally-owned retailers at Hon-Dah Resort Casino, Hon-Dah Convenience Store, the Tribe's lake stores and Sunrise Ski Resort.
- **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 Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. <u>06-2021-122</u>

The foregoing resolution was on JUNE 29, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, THREE 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 in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Date

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date