



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving Burial Assistance for Former
Tribal Councilwoman Phoebe Lee-Nez and Declaring
“A Day of Remembrance” to Honor her Service to the Tribe)**

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1 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, The Council has been advised that former District II Councilwoman and Family History Officer, Phoebe Lee-Nez passed away and that funeral arrangements are pending; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of former District II Councilwoman’s service and dedication to the Tribe, and the love she had for her people, the Council directs the Chairwoman to issue a Proclamation for “A Day of Remembrance” and directs that all flags on the Reservation be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on that date; and

WHEREAS, To honor the memory of former Councilwoman Phoebe Lee-Nez’s service to the Tribe, including the love she had of family history when carrying out her duties as the Family History Officer, the Council wishes to present her family with the American and Tribal flags; and

WHEREAS, From this day forward, all Tribal Leaders shall be honored at their passing with a presentation of the American and Tribal Flags; and

WHEREAS, The Council extends its sincere sympathy to the Lee and Nez families and finds it appropriate and in the best interest to provide burial and funeral assistance on behalf of the Lee and Nez families at this difficult time.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Treasurer to pay for burial and funeral expenses, in the amount of \$1,500.00, for former District II Councilwoman Phoebe Lee-Nez; with payment to be submitted directly to Owens Mortuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Chairwoman to issue a Proclamation for “A Day of Remembrance” to honor former District II Councilwoman Phoebe Lee-Nez’s service and dedication to the Apache people and directs all flags on the Reservation be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it shall present Phoebe Lee-Nez’s family with the American and Tribal flags, and from this day forward, all Tribal Leaders shall be honored at their passing with a presentation of the American and Tribal flags.


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 JULY 22, 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).

 7.22.21
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 7.22.2021
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date