



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Allocating \$500,000.00 of the Tribe’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To regulate subordinate organizations...”; and
- 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 White Mountain Apache Head Start Program (“Head Start”) and the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Grantee-Tribe”), both provide valuable early childhood development services to the children of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); 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,** Among eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds, provided for in federal guidelines, include addressing educational disparities and promoting healthy childhood environments, both of which are served by White Mountain Apache Head Start; and
- WHEREAS,** The aging Head Start centers are plagued with serious maintenance and structural challenges, including, among other problems, a roof collapse, structural defects, and drainage issues at the Whiteriver center, and roof repairs and other maintenance problems at the McNary and Cibecue centers; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that utilizing \$500,000.00 of ARPA funds to ensure that Head Start can open and provide services to children and families this school year is an advisable use of ARPA funds 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 it hereby allocates \$500,000.00 of the Tribe’s ARPA funds for Head Start, to be used in the following manner: \$311,000.00 for the roof repairs at the Whiteriver center, pending the results of a structural analysis; \$50,000.00 to fix drainage issues at the Whiteriver center; with the remainder to be used to pay for the structural analysis of the Whiteriver center, then for an analysis of the McNary center, and the rest, in any, for repairs to the McNary and Cibecue centers.



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**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 26, 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).

	8/12/21		8-16-2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date