



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorization For Tribal-Wide Economic Development Coalition and EDA American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant Application)

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe holds the authority under the Constitution of the Tribe in Article IV, Section 1(a) to, “act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe,” and further in Article VI Section 1(i), “To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes that the most effective strategy for economic development is to build on the Tribe’s regional economic strengths and to draw input from all regional tribal stake-holders and partners; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports the formation of the White Mountain Apache Regional Coalition, which consists of participating Tribal programs and departments, to identify Tribal regional economic needs and opportunities, and to participate in and assist with the preparation of a development strategy and grant application for the EDA FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge, Phase 1; and
- WHEREAS,** the development strategy, known as the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Segment Development Strategy for the White Mountain Apache American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Plan (or the “Development Plan”) will build organizational infrastructure for integrated economic development through the input from the Tribal coalition members; and
- WHEREAS,** WMATCO has been designated to serve as the coordinator on the Tribe’s behalf, due in part to the prominent role that the forest products business holds for the regional economy; and
- WHEREAS,** as coordinator, WMATCO will work with the coalition members and the grant writer to complete the Development Plan and prepare the EDA grant application for submission by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** if awarded, the grant, Phase 1, would provide funding for technical assistance to further develop and refine the Development Plan, with the intent of submitting a comprehensive Phase 2 grant application at a later date to fund implementation and capital investment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports the development proposal and the full participation by interested Tribal programs and departments to achieve a comprehensive and integrated regional economic Development Plan.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the development of the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Segment Development Strategy for the White Mountain Apache American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Plan, as described and for the purposes as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application in an amount up to \$500,000 for the EDA FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge, Phase 1, based on the concepts and preliminary draft terms presented and discussed this date.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes WMATCO to serve as the coordinator for this undertaking, and for that reason, the Council hereby authorizes the activity as a Company purpose and activity, pursuant to Section 1.4 of the WMATCO LLC operating agreement.

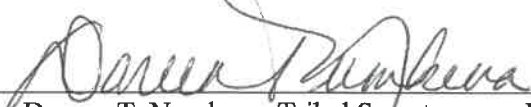
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it encourages Tribal departments, enterprises and programs to participate in the coalition to help identify Tribal economic needs and opportunities for the purpose of a comprehensive and integrated Development Plan to serve the long-term benefit of the Tribe and its members.

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 and deliver any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including the EDA grant application, when completed and ready for submission.

The foregoing resolution was on SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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).

 10.19.21
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 10-19-2021
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date