



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Wood Cutting During Lockdowns)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(f) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, the Tribe made an Emergency Declaration, and has subsequently responded to this public health emergency through various stay-at-home orders, lockdowns, and other precautionary measures; and

WHEREAS, As a measure to slow the spread of COVID-19 amongst residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Council, on November 4, 2021, imposed lockdowns for the weekends of November 6-7 and 13-14, consistent with the guidelines and regulations utilized during previous lockdowns; and

WHEREAS, While certain essential activities are permitted under the EOC’s guidelines and regulations, wood cutting was not permitted during previous lockdowns; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that permitting Tribal members to cut wood for their own home use during this weekend’s and subsequent lockdowns is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS, The Council further finds that this resolution needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes wood cutting with a valid permit for home use only during the weekend lockdowns of November 6-7 and 13-14 and all subsequent lockdowns. Wood cutting during lockdown for the purpose of selling it is not permitted.

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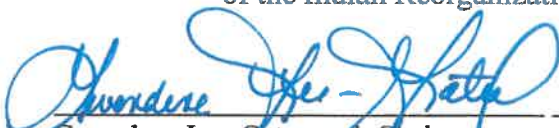

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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 NOVEMBER 5, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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).

 11.5.2021  11-5-2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No: 11-2021-224 initiated the 5th day of November 2021. Presented Personally by Tribal Council-Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

X  11.5.2021 
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Tribal Chairwoman
Date Signed
TCS Initials

X _____
Jerome Kasey, III
Vice Chairman
Date Signed
TCS Initials

X _____
Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

X _____
Travis Tessay
District I Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials



X _____
Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials


Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

Aubrey Aday
District III Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

Alvin Declay
District III Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

Gary Alchesay
District IV Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

X  11/5/2021 
Alvena Bush
District IV Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

X  11.5.2021 _____
Kasey Velasquez
District IV Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

ATTEST:

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

11-5-2021
Date Signed

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Date Signed 11-5-21 *DTN 11-5-2021*

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District III Council Member _____
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Alvin Declay
District III Council Member _____
Date Signed

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Gary Alchesay
District IV Council Member _____
Date Signed

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Alvena Bush
District IV Council Member _____
Date Signed *Alvena Bush* 11-5-2021

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