



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children Food Security Committee to Conduct Community Meetings with Community Members Regarding Food Insecurity)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Tribal members face long-term health issues related to a variety of factors, including ability to access health services and acquire nutritious food, especially during childhood; and
- WHEREAS,** Good health in childhood decreases the likelihood of developing long-term health issues such as diabetes and heart disease later in life; and
- WHEREAS,** Having consistent access to nutritious food is critical for good childhood health and development, improving long-term physical and mental health, education outcomes, and social and emotional well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** Various Tribal members, in collaboration with the Arizona Food Bank Network, formed the White Mountain Apache Children Food Security Committee, Chagháshé Idán Nht’ée Básiiné (“Committee”), to uncover barriers to children’s access to nutritious food and address the root causes of food insecurity among the Tribe’s youth; and
- WHEREAS,** Via Resolution 04-2021-69 the Council authorized the Committee to conduct the *White Mountain Apache Children Food Insecurity Survey* (“Survey”), to identify barriers to nutritious food access and other factors contributing to child food insecurity; and
- WHEREAS,** From April to June of 2021, the Committee collected 378 Survey responses related to Tribal member children’s access to nutritious food, including data regarding families’ awareness and use of food assistance programs, barriers to purchasing food, and distance from the nearest grocery store; and

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WHEREAS, Having analyzed and compiled the Survey data in the attached documents, the Committee, this day, proposes to conduct community meetings (“Meetings”) to collect additional qualitative data to clarify Survey results; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of input from the Tribe and its members to the success of any organization working to increase access to nutritious, culturally appropriate food for Tribe members, the Committee, this day, proposes to share aggregate Survey results at Meetings to receive feedback on Survey results and gather ideas for programs and other community actions to address food access issues raised in the Survey results; and

WHEREAS, Understanding the usefulness of the data collected to existing programs, the Committee, this day, proposes to share Survey results with Tribal entities and community organizations working to address food access, nutrition, and food sovereignty in the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the request and finds that approving the Committee to conduct community meetings will help identify further needs and resources related to childhood hunger among the Tribe, 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 authorizes the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children Food Security Committee to conduct community meetings, to share aggregate Survey data, and analyze data gathered from these meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Division of Health Programs to store the data collected from the Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby permits the Committee, after receiving explicit approval from the Council, to share data collected and analyses generated from the Meetings with Tribal community organizations working to improve access to nutritious and culturally appropriate foods for the Tribe’s youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs anyone attending a community meeting in person to adhere to the Community Meeting Safety Plan (attached) and follow all safety measures put in place by the Council to prevent and reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2, including but not limited to wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, and abiding by curfews.

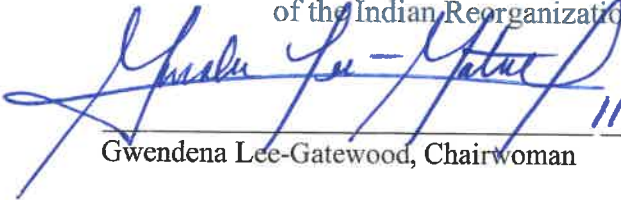
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

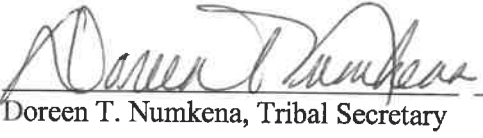
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting 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 10, 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman 11.17.21 Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary 11-17-2021 Date