



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$127,500.00 of the Tribe’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Animal Balance Spay and Neuter Program)

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 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, Animal Balance, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to provide human animal population management programs in communities where veterinary care is unavailable, including in Indigenous communities in the Galapagos Islands, Hawaii, and the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, The health of domestic animals is related to the human public health because animals can carry and transmit diseases, including rocky mountain spotted fever and MRSA, and because any lowering of a person’s immune system can impact COVID-19 outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Animal Balance is proposing to hold a series of clinics on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, during which all animals seen will be provided spay or neuter, vaccinations, parasite treatment and identification; at a rate of \$85 per patient; and

WHEREAS, Among eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds, provided for in federal guidelines, include responding to a public health emergency, at Section 602(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that utilizing \$127,500 of ARPA funds to provide funding for the proposed Animal balance Project and to treat 1,500 animals is an advisable and allowable use of these 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 \$127,500.00 of the Tribe’s ARPA funds for the Animal balance Project, and instructs the Tribe’s Animal Control Office to assist Animal Balance with coordinating the necessary space and publicity for the project.

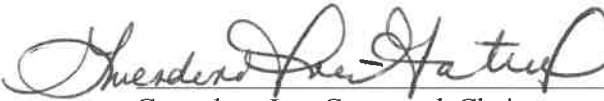

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues 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 **DECEMBER 15, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ONE** 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).

	<u>12.17.21</u>		<u>12/17/2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date