



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Member Alvin Martinez on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Reverend Alvin Martinez, a non-member, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for 15 years and 11 months as pastor of the Cedar Creek Assembly of God church has passed away, and that his family desires for him to be buried on the Reservation at the Mourning Dove Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe, who extends their sympathy to the Martinez family.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission for the burial of Reverend Alvin Martinez, at Mourning Dove Cemetery in Cedar Creek, AZ on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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 NINE for, ZERO against, and TWO 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 12.16.21 Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary 12-16-2021 Date