



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Accepting Tribal Wildlife Grant Award for the Construction of a Fish Barrier in Squaw Creek for the Protection of Apache Trout)**

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**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, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe, and to regulate hunting and fishing on the Reservation"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation also provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To accept grants and donations from any person, State, or the United States"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Game & Fish Department was awarded a Tribal Wildlife Grant (the "Grant") from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and this day requests that the Council formally accept the grant on the Tribe's behalf; and

**WHEREAS,** The Grant Award amount is \$200,000.00 and will be used to construct a fish barrier in Squaw Creek to protect the Apache Trout population from negative interactions with brown trout by keeping them from moving upstream (see attached information sheet, incorporated herein by reference); and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that accepting the Grant will help protect Apache Trout in Squaw Creek, 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 accepts the United States Fish And Wildlife Service's Tribal Wildlife Grant Award in the amount of \$200,000, to be used to construct a fish barrier for the protection of Apache Trout from brown trout in Squaw Creek.

**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.

***Resolution No. 03-2022-57***

**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 Chairman, or in his 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 MARCH 09, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ZERO against, and ONE 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*      3.15.22      *Doreen T. Numkena*      3-15-2022  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date