

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Reimburse the Tribe in the Amount of \$196,437.72 for Eligible Purchases Made with Tribal Funds)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe..."; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") to assist in mitigating and responding to the threat of COVID-19; and
- **WHEREAS**, The protection of critical infrastructure is an allowable use under the government services section and making improvements to wastewater systems is allowable under Investments in Infrastructure on page 55; and
- WHEREAS, Since the start of the pandemic, the Tribe made payments to upgrade the security system and email filter at the Business Office and to pay Carollo Engineers to help the Tribe maintain EPA compliance, both of which are reimbursable using ARPA funds; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Council finds that allocating a portion of the Tribe's ARPA funds to reimburse the above expense will help to alleviate the financial burdens incurred during and on account of the pandemic, 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 an amount of \$196,437.72 of the Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act funds to reimburse expenditures for security system and email upgrades and Carollo Engineer fees.

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.

Resolution No. <u>04-2022-90</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>APRIL 26, 2022</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it underthe 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

Date /

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date