



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Approving \$2,500.00 Burial Assistance for Deshawn Niko Goldtooth and Approving Non-member Burial on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1 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 Council has been advised that community member Deshawn N. Goldtooth has passed away; and

**WHEREAS,** Deshawn lived on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) for his entire life, his mother is a Tribal member, and his Tribal enrollment is pending; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe extends its sincere condolences to the family at this time of hardship and mourning; and

**WHEREAS,** Council finds it appropriate and necessary at this time to contribute \$2,500.00 in assistance funds to the family on Deshawn’s behalf, and to permit his burial on the Reservation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the \$2,500.00 in assistance funds shall be provided in the form of a check to the mortuary of the family’s choosing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Deshawn N. Goldtooth is permitted to be buried on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, at the Whiteriver Cemetery.

**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 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.

**Resolution No. 05-2022-151**

The foregoing resolution was on MAY 27, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

<u>Kasey Velazquez</u>	<u>6-3-2022</u>	<u>Vaneya Johnson</u>	<u>6/3/2022</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneya Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date
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