



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving FY 2022 NABDI Grant Application:
White Mountain Apache Timber Company Value-Added Product-Market
Feasibility Study)**

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Timber Company (“WMATCO”) fulfills a vital role in the management of the Tribe’s timberlands through the selective timber harvesting and forest thinning projects required under the timber sales program; and

WHEREAS, WMATCO has been working to secure investment and upgrades to the sawmill to improve efficiency and expand employment and the economic benefits to the Tribe and the region; and

WHEREAS, Through its management team, WMATCO, has determined that value-added product markets hold significant potential for operating improvements and profitability; and

WHEREAS, WMATCO seeks funding to complete a value-added product-market feasibility study to determine the appropriate design and system characteristics to best serve the mill and raw material brought to the mill from the Tribe’s forest lands; and

WHEREAS, The BIA Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Native American Business Development Institute has announced a grant funding (the “Grant”) to assess tribal economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes the value to the Tribe and its sawmill operation in securing funds for this purpose, that authorizing WMATCO to apply for the Grant 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 authorizes WMATCO to submit a grant application for the amount of \$ 75,000 to the BIA Native American Business Development Institute for funding to undertake the WMATCO Value-Added Product-Market Feasibility Study.

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

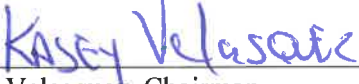
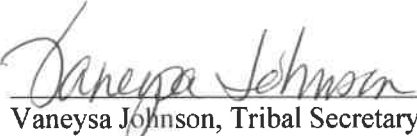
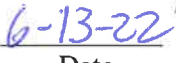

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Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 1, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary
	
Date	Date