



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Execute a Public Law 93-638 Contract with the Tribe for Administration of Welfare Assistance Grant Programs)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with federal law, with ... the United States...”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) administers the Welfare Assistance Grant (“WAG”) program, which offers five types of secondary assistance to Tribal members, including: General Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Non-medical Institutional or Custodial Care of Adults, Burial Assistance, and Emergency Assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Social Services, at this time, advises that it is capable of administering these funds on the Tribe’s behalf, through execution of a P.L. 93-638 self-determination contract; and
- WHEREAS,** BIA advised the Tribe that, should the Tribe desire to enter into such a contract, it wishes to disburse the funds to the Tribe by July, making this matter urgent; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that requesting the execution of a P.L. 93-683 contract between the BIA and Tribe for the WAG Program will help the Tribe to more efficiently identify and address the needs of Tribal members, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of the situation, the Tribal Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs enter into a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Tribe for administration of Welfare Assistance Grant Programs, and authorizes the Tribe to enter into the same, following suitable negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on JUNE 15, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 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).

Kasey Velasquez 6/16/2022 Vaneyssa Johnson 6/16/2022
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date
White Mountain Apache Tribe

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 15TH day of JUNE, 2022.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

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Kasey Velasquez
Tribal Chairman

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Jerome Kasey, III
Vice Chairman

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Verna Westover
District IV Council Member

ATTEST:

Vanessa Johnson
Vanessa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

06.16.22
Date Signed

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Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

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