



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Establishing the White Mountain Apache Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To...appoint subordinate committees...”; and

WHEREAS, The Council has recognized that a formal Economic Development Planning Committee and related organizational structure is required to develop and implement an effective, comprehensive economic development strategy to promote job creation, support Apache entrepreneurship, enable new business formation, expansion, and financing, and thereby drive economic growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The Council understands that economic growth and sustainable economic development is best accomplished through multi-stakeholder coalitions, partnerships and collaborations that draw upon public, business, university, non-profit, and philanthropic resources to create a strategic vision of the White Mountain Apache regional economy by working together to identify priority challenges and action initiatives to address shared problems; to effectively respond to the need for economic restructuring; to improve the economic development infrastructure used by all stakeholders; and to sustain regional economic growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Planning Department recommends, this day, that Council establishes the White Mountain Apache Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee, and appoint the following persons to serve on that committee:

- Gary Alchesay;
- Ruby Altaha;
- Brenda Pusher-Begay;
- Ralph Thomas;
- Deron Peaches;
- Gary Moore;
- LeAnn Mallow;
- Milfred Cosen;
- Victor Velasquez;
- Nathan Levi Esquerra; and
- Derrick Leslie; and

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WHEREAS, The purposes of the White Mountain Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee, will include: (1) to assess the White Mountain Apache regional economy and the economic infrastructure that supports economic development, (2) to identify economic development challenges and strategic opportunities for economic development; (3) to develop and implement plans, programs, and activities to foster regional economic development; and (4) to secure the financial and capital resources from the public and private capital market sources to support planning activities such as technical assistance, feasibility studies, business development, market expansion, and other activities leading to job creation, economic growth, and economic prosperity for the White Mountain Apache Tribe;

WHEREAS, The Council finds that establishing the White Mountain Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee, comprised of the proposed membership, will help the Tribe pursue economic development opportunities, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.


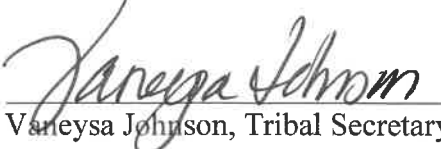
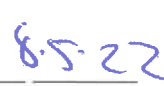
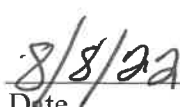
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes the White Mountain Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee for the above-stated purposes, and appoints those individuals named herein to serve on it, until subsequent replacement.

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 AUGUST 3, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against, and TWO 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, Chairman	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary
White Mountain Apache Tribe	
	
Date	Date