



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Tribe's FY 2022 State Small Business Credit Initiative Program Application)

- 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 Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee has developed the White Mountain Apache Tribe State Small Business Credit Initiative Program application to align Reservation small business development with regional economic growth by focusing on Apache entrepreneurship opportunities and tribal enterprise development opportunities in emerging, high-growth and economically vital industry sectors of the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe Economic Development Planning Committee has prepared the White Mountain Apache Tribe State Small Business Credit Initiative application to implement the Apache Entrepreneurship Program to provide training and technical assistance services to White Mountain Apache entrepreneurs to support small business ownership, start-up, growth, and expansion on the White Mountain Apache reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe State Small Business Credit Initiative program is also intended to establish the Ndee’ Investment Fund to assist White Mountain Apache entrepreneurs and tribal enterprises to secure debt and equity capital, grants, development assistance, predevelopment assistance, or other financial assistance to support small business development; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council understands the critical need to support Native American entrepreneurship and tribal enterprise operations management improvements through a combination of capacity building, training, technical assistance, and access to capital services to catalyze small business development in high-growth/ high-demand industry sectors in the White Mountain Apache economy; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribal Council supports the White Mountain Apache Tribe State Small Business Credit Initiative Program application to implement the Apache Entrepreneurship Program and the Ndee’ Investment Fund to support high-growth/high-demand industry sectors, specifically through entrepreneurship, tribal enterprise

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operations management improvements, and access to cost-effective capital investment, projected to add substantial numbers of new jobs to the economy and impact the growth of new and existing industries;

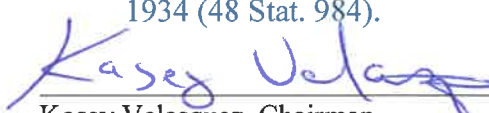
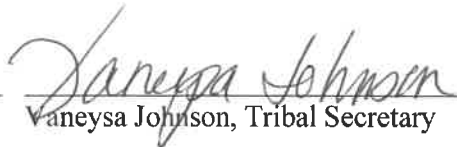
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves submission of the White Mountain Apache Tribe State Small Business Credit Initiative Program application to implement the Apache Entrepreneurship Program and the Ndee' Investment Fund to support White Mountain Apache entrepreneurship, tribal enterprise operations management improvements, and access to cost-effective capital investment.

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 15, 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).

	<u>8-18-22</u>		<u>8/19/22</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date