



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's FY 2024 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 128(a) Response Program Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States"; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Agency has announced its Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 128(a) Response Program Grant (the "Grant"), which assists tribes with developing and enhancing response methods that are environmentally sound and that maximize the utilization and conservation of valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, The grant, which does not contain a tribal match requirement, would help the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office ("EPO") oversee Brownfield cleanups, conduct site assessment and cleanup activities; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the Grant proposal, and finds that authorizing the Environmental Protection Office to apply for it 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 the Tribe's Environmental Protection Office is hereby authorized, and instructed to make a timely and complete submission to the United States Environmental Agency's Fiscal Year 2022 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 128(a) Response Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, the EPO shall work with the Tribe's Treasurer to establish a budget for receipts and expenditures thereunder.

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.

Resolution No. 12-2022-290

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 **DECEMBER 7, 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).

Kasey Velasquez
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman
Acting Chairman

12/13/22
Date

Janeysa Johnson
Janeysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

12/13/2022
Date