

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Submission of Fiscal Year 2023 USDA Strategic Economic and Community Development Program Application in the Amount of \$500,000.00 for the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy)

- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, The Council has recognized that building on the Tribe's regional economic strengths is an effective strategy for economic development and that developing high growth industry segments may 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 regional economic growth can be 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 Tribal Planning Office will organize the White Mountain Apache Regional Coalition to develop the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy, a strategic economic and community investment plan designed according to the FY 2023 USDA Strategic Economic and Community Development Program, in an amount of \$500,000.00, to be submitted by the Tribe, to build an organizational infrastructure for economic development by creating a comprehensive tribal coalition and collaborative partnerships to develop a portfolio of investment-ready tribal economic development projects with a measurable impact on the White Mountain Apache tribal economy; and
- WHEREAS, The Council supports the White Mountain Regional Coalition to develop the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy which will provide business development, financial, and technical assistance to existing tribal enterprises and emerging Apache small businesses; which provides the capital resources tribal businesses need to modernize, expand and take advantage of market opportunities; and which supports the start-up of new and expanded tribal enterprises and tribal entrepreneurship that can provide needed products and services to White Mountain Apache Reservation residents; and
- WHEREAS, The Council supports the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy to formulate business development goals and objectives, site and facility plans,

entrepreneurship and workforce development programs, preliminary development cost estimates, project financing strategies, and project implementation plans in a number of high-potential, high-growth industry segments, as described in the attached White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy Portfolio; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to submit the FY 2023 USDA Strategic Economic and Community Development Program application in an amount of \$500,000.00 to complete the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the submission of FY 2023 USDA Strategic Economic and Community Development Program application in an amount of \$500,000.00 to complete the White Mountain Apache Regional Industry Development Strategy.

**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 <u>JANUARY 10, 2023</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>TEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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).

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Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

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