



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Acceptance of \$143,147 from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience for Climate Resilience Training and Workshops)

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 decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution” and at Section 1(j) that the Council shall exercise the power “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, Tribes in various regions of the United States worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”), Office of Trust Services to identify opportunities to build Tribal resilience capacity through its Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR); and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Department of Water Resources recognizes and records data that indicates acidification of the region based on drier weather, warmer temperatures, decline in rain and snowfall, and lower river-water levels due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to address issues of climate change, the Tribe’s Department of Water Resources submitted a proposal to BIA for funding to improve their capacity to improve climate change monitoring and to devise climate change adaptation strategies with input from the tribal community and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, BIA awarded the Tribe a grant in the amount of \$143,147.00 through its Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience Program; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that authorizing acceptance of the grant from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Climate Resilience will help the Tribe’s Department of Water Resources to address issues of climate change monitoring and adaptation strategies on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation 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 the Tribe’s Department of Water Resources is hereby authorized to accept the grant from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs in the amount of \$143,147.00.

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.

Resolution No. 01-2023-10

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 JANUARY 10, 2023 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez 1-13-2023

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

Vaneysa Johnson 1/13/2023

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date