



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Water Resources Program to Apply for Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Grant, through the Bureau of Reclamation)

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 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, The White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Resources Program has identified grant opportunities in the form of the Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes (“the Grant”) solicited by the Bureau of Reclamation, and proposes to apply for the Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Grant to be considered will include consulting technical assistance funding to evaluate, repair and restoring the Miner Flat well #14, including but not limited to well testing and rehabilitation surveying; and

WHEREAS, The area of interest for the purpose of this grant is to continue to enable the Tribe to become more resilient to drought by providing a reliable supply of drinking water to the White Mountain Apache Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the funding, in the estimated amount of between \$50,000.00 and \$400,000.00, will be used to assist in developing a feasibility assessment and studies to evaluate the reasonable possibility of future development of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, The Grant does not require a match requirement; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the Grant, if awarded, will assist the White Mountain Apache Tribe with providing a reliable supply of drinking water to the communities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Water Resource Program to submit a grant application for Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Grant to Tribes, offered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, the Water Resources Program shall work with the Tribe’s Finance Department to establish a budget for receipts and expenditures thereunder.

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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 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