



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Directing Apache Enterprise to Expedite Cedar Creek Laundromat Opening and Directing Relevant Departments to Take the Necessary Steps to Secure Land Assignment for District II Office in Cedar Creek)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “...to regulate subordinate organizations”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Constitution also provides, at Article IV, Section 1(m) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “to provide by ordinance for the assignment, use, or transfer or Tribal lands within the Reservation”; and
- WHEREAS,** Apache Enterprise is entrusted by the Council to manage several of the Tribe’s economic enterprises, including the convenience stores and laundromats; and
- WHEREAS,** Apache Enterprise owns the convenience store in Cedar Creek, and is responsible for its operations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe allocated funds for the purchase of laundry equipment, with the intent that Apache Enterprise would open and operate a laundromat for the Cedar Creek community, but to date little progress has been made; and
- WHEREAS,** Council finds that the Cedar Creek Laundromat will fulfil a need for that community and that its opening should be expedited; and
- WHEREAS,** For some time, District II Council have needed an office in Cedar Creek to better serve the needs of their constituents; and
- WHEREAS,** Land has been identified to locate a trailer in an appropriate spot, however, White Mountain Apache Housing Authority (“WMAHA”) possesses a lease for a large plot, which includes the desired location for the District II office; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAHA has expressed its willingness to relinquish that portion of its Cedar Creek Lease desired for location of the District II office, following a survey and pursuant to a more particular land description; and
- WHEREAS,** The WMAHA Cedar Creek Lease will have to be amended, which the Attorney General’s Office can accomplish with the Tribal Realty Office and WMAHA; and
- WHEREAS,** Following the WMAHA Cedar Creek Lease Amendment, the Tribal Land Board will review the proposed assignment for the District II Office and make a recommendation to the Council; and

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WHEREAS, The Council finds that taking the steps towards securing the proposed land assignment for locating a District II Council Office in Cedar Creek is necessary and proper, and that they should be completed as soon as possible.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Apache Enterprise is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to expedite the opening of the Cedar Creek laundromat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all relevant department are hereby directed to take the necessary steps to secure the above-identified land assignment for the purpose of locating the District II Council office in Cedar Creek.

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 18, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN 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

2-14-23
Date

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

2/15/2023
Date