



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the 2023 Ceremonial Sunrise Dance Schedule)

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 shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council Secretary maintains a schedule of annual Sunrise Dance ceremonies to ensure that no inconsistencies occur between the sponsoring families and that designated locations are monitored; and

WHEREAS, A detailed schedule that reflects the information provided by the sponsoring families has been presented to the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to honor and adopt the 2023 Sunrise Dance Schedule to facilitate the Sunrise Dance process for the benefit of all involved participants, subject to amendments throughout the year.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares the attached schedule as the official Tribal Council sanctioned 2023 Sunrise Dance schedule of the Tribe, subject to changes and amendments throughout the year.

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 APRIL 12, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ONE 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 B. Velasquez 06/21/23 Vaneysa Johnson 06/21/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date