



*Resolution No. 04-2023-83*

# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Authorizing the Tribal Livestock Associations and Water Resources to Partner with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance to Acquire Technical and Financial Assistance)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) 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 in Section 1(j) “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Livestock Associations desire to adopt and implement regenerative agricultural & conservation practices in order to promote conservation of the Tribe’s rich natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** The Water Resources Program oversees the Land Restoration Program, watershed, and wetland restoration projects, and seeks technical assistance in conservation practices that protect the Tribe’s water resources and to reinstate the establishment of a Conservation District, as well creating youth internships to promote future natural resources careers; and

**WHEREAS,** Funding and Technical Assistance for these purposes is available through the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA); and

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing and appreciating the cultural significance of both the livestock industry and natural resource conservation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Council finds that authorizing the Tribal Livestock Associations and the Water Resource Program to seek assistance from the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance will help the Tribe maintain and promote sound natural resource management practices, 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 it hereby authorizes the Tribal Livestock Associations and Water Resources to seek technical and financial assistance through partnering with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this partnership shall be entered into in good faith with the purpose of facilitating the adoption of regenerative agricultural practices and natural resource conservation.

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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 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 Velasquez      4.14.23  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman      Date

Vaneysa Johnson      4/14/23  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary      Date