



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing the Tribe's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Program to Apply for the "CDC-Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country" Grant)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power "[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States"; and

**WHEREAS,** In the five year span from 2015 to 2020, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever ("RMSF") has infected 79 members of the Tribe and caused four deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention Program ("RMSFPP") seeks to strengthen the Tribe's ability to prevent RMSF on the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** The RMSPP has identified a grant opportunity, "CDC-RFA-TO-23-0001: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country" (the "Grant") with a possible award of up to \$75,000,000 per year for five years, and does not require a tribal match; and

**WHEREAS,** If awarded, the Grant funds would be used to address the free-roaming dogs on the Reservation, with the goal of reducing the spread of RMSF, as at-large dogs are the primary transporter of the RMSF disease that has led to sickness and death among tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that authorizing the RMSFPP to apply for the Grant 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 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention Program is hereby authorized to apply for the CDC-RFA-TO-23-0001: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country Grant and is instructed to make a complete and timely submission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Grant is awarded, the RMSFPP and the Tribal Treasurer are instructed to establish a budget and an account for receipts and expenditures thereof, and to ensure compliance with regular reporting and all other applicable requirements.

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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 MAY 03, 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, Chairman	<u>05/10/23</u> Date	 Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	<u>05/10/2023</u> Date
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