



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Designating the First Sunday of Every May as the Annual White Mountain Apache Day of Prayer)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the] constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The Apache people have always placed an emphasis on the role of prayer in daily life, as a way to communicate with, gain insight and seek blessings from the Creator; and

WHEREAS, The elders teach us that “To be Apache is to pray”; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that designating the first Sunday of each May to be the “Annual White Mountain Apache Day of Prayer” is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members as we face daily challenges that require strength, perseverance and divine assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates the first Sunday of each May as the “Annual White Mountain Apache Day of Prayer”, and encourages all Tribal members and residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to observe this occasion by joining in prayer for the Tribe, its members, and the well being of our homelands.

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 3, 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 5/18/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 5/18/2023
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date