



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

## **(Supporting and Authorizing Arrowhead Business Group Foundation to Apply for the Freeport-McMoRan Funding for ABG Entrepreneurship)**

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**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”), *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Article IV, Section 1(j), “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

**WHEREAS,** Via Resolution 05-2012-63, the Tribal Council approved Johns Hopkins to conduct a NARCH VII project *Evaluation of an Entrepreneurship Program on Psychosocial, Behavioral Health, Educational and Economic Outcomes among American-Indian Youth AKA–Arrowhead Business Group* (“ABG”) study which allowed for assessments and evaluation of the curriculum to determine risk factors for youth participating in the program; and

**WHEREAS,** Arrowhead Business Group Foundation Inc, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2015 to facilitate the Arrowhead Café and Marketplace as a hub for youth and adult entrepreneurs to nurture their talents, sell their products, and have an opportunity to further develop their business skills and launch their own business; and

**WHEREAS,** The Freeport McMoRan – Native American Partnership Fund Grant provides grant opportunities to support projects that benefit and elevate communities as a whole in areas focused on health and wellness as well as cultural preservation and economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** ABG youth entrepreneurship program seeks to expand its efforts and encourages our youth and adult participants to fully embrace their talents and develop their business skills; and

**WHEREAS,** The Freeport McMoRan funding opportunity would allow our White Mountain Apache youth and adults to experience entrepreneurship and enable our Elder’s to share their knowledge. Project activities will include: 1) engage with youth to participate in an apprenticeship at Arrowhead Café; 2) teaching of cultural arts & crafts; 3) engage Elder’s to provide knowledge of traditional foods and entrepreneurship history of the White Mountain Apache people; 4) in-depth interviews with Elder’s will be audio recorded by the youth to provide an oral history; and 5) develop a section specific to these interviews as a part of the Arrowhead entrepreneurship curriculum.

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed and considered Arrowhead Business Group Foundation’s request and finds that applying for the Grant funding to seek additional funding to support the ABG entrepreneurship program activities is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**Resolution No. 06-2023-138**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Arrowhead Business Group Foundation to apply for the Freeport McMoRan Native American Partnership Fund Grant for the ABG activities identified for this project.

**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 **JUNE 7, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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      6/8/2023      Vaneyssa Johnson      06/08/2023  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman      Date      Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary      Date