



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application for FY 2023 NATIVE Act Tribal Projects and Initiatives On or Adjacent to U.S. Forest Service Managed Lands Program: Strategic Outdoor Recreation Development Plan)

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 (“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 Council recognizes that strategic investments in critical outdoor recreation infrastructure will improve the performance of the tribal outdoor recreation business portfolio, increase employment, and lead to sustainable economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, The Council supports the White Mountain Apache Tribal Planning Office’s (“Planning Office”) proposed development strategy to upgrade and expand on the outdoor recreation facilities including the campgrounds, RV parks, and boat marinas located at the major reservation lakes, including Reservation Lake, Sunrise Lake, Hawley Lake, and Horseshoe Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Office intends to use the NATIVE support funding to complete a Strategic Outdoor Recreation Development Plan, which will include, among other plans, architectural and engineering feasibility analysis of proposed reservation lake site capital improvements in campgrounds, RV parks, and boat marinas, preliminary schematics, an estimate of project costs, operations and maintenance, and financing sources; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has reviewed the Tribal Planning Office’s request, and finds that authorizing an application for NATIVE Act funding, in the amount of \$250,000.00, 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 submission of a grant application by the Tribal Planning Office for NATIVE Act Tribal Projects and Initiatives on or Adjacent to U.S. Forest Service Managed Lands Program, in the amount of \$ 250,000, to complete a Strategic Outdoor Recreation Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Tribe receives grant funds from the NATIVE Act Tribal Projects and Initiatives on or Adjacent to U.S. Forest Service Managed Lands Program, the Tribal Planning Office and the Grants & Contracts Department are instructed to create a budget for receipt and expenditure of said funds, subject

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to the terms and conditions of any application funding agreement and review by the Tribe's Office of Attorney General.

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 **JULY 05, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **FIVE** for, **FOUR** against, and **ONE** 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>7-6-2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>07/07/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date