



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Increase of Tribal Member Burial Assistance Payments to \$4,000.00)

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 (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Section 1(k), “To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes and to expend funds in accordance with an annual budget”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has from time-to-time, and when Tribal resources allowed, approved burial assistance for Tribal members to assist families with the costs that are incurred with the death of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2020, via Resolution No. 06-2020-118, Council approved burial assistance payments of \$2,500.00 for funeral expenses for Tribal members who perished from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2020, via Resolution No. 06-2020-140, Council extended that burial assistance to all Tribal member deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Tribe has been fortunate enough to have the resources to continue to offer this assistance to Tribal member families; and

WHEREAS, After discussions with Tribal members and the Tribal Treasurer, it has been determined that inflation has dramatically increased the financial burden on grieving families and that the Tribe has the resources to increase the amount of burial assistance payments to Tribal member families to \$4,000.00 per decedent; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that making this increase will help alleviate the financial hardship on our Tribal members, 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 the amount of burial assistance allocated for individual Tribal member deaths is hereby increased to \$4,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that walk-through resolutions for burial assistance requests are hereby unauthorized and that each individual need not go before Council to receive this assistance, but that it shall be administered by the Tribal Treasurer’s office, who shall establish guidelines and policies for payment, including an option for cremation in which the invoice amount would reflect the actual costs, and issue payment to the funeral home of the Tribal member families’ choice.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the public relation budget accounts of each Tribal Council member are hereby restricted for use toward additional burial assistance.

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 **EIGHT** for, **TWO** 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 7.11.2023 Janeysa Johnson 7/11/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Janeysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date