



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Supporting Local First Arizona’s Grant Proposal in the Amount of \$50,000 to Freeport McMoran to Provide Financial, Technical, and Physical Resources to Improve Community-Based Preparedness Projects in Whiteriver, Hon-Dah, McNary, and Cibecue)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, in Article IV, Section I(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 to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Resolution 06-2021-116, the Tribe previously supported Partnerships with Native Americans (“PWNA”) grant submission to assist Whiteriver, McNary, Hon-Dah, and Cibecue to identify training, emergency preparedness, and to support first responders with disasters and to promote community resiliency; and
- WHEREAS,** Representatives from the communities of Whiteriver, McNary, Hon-dah, and Cibecue have identified a funding opportunity through the Freeport McMoran Foundation for which Local First Arizona, a non-profit organization committed to community and economic development throughout Arizona, proposes to submit a community-based emergency preparedness grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000.00 that will benefit these tribal pilot communities; and
- WHEREAS,** if awarded, the grant funding and other resources identified in this process will be administered by Local First Arizona and will be used to provide training for devoted residents in Tribal communities to support local community needs; and
- WHEREAS,** participating community members will be trained to assist with communication, evacuation, and other emergency operations, as well as receive certification in CPR, first-aid, and other life-saving skills, and develop other skills to provide support when disasters strike; and
- WHEREAS,** the collaboration with Local First Arizona is expected to lead to additional grant opportunities that would also serve the members and communities of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council has reviewed the request and finds that supporting Local First Arizona’s emergency preparedness grant proposal, in the amount of \$50,000.00, will help the Tribe respond to natural and man-made disasters, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

***Resolution No. 07-2023-180***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports Local First Arizona's grant application submission on behalf of the communities of McNary, Hon-dah, Whiteriver, and Cibecue to Freeport McMoRan, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purposes described herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, if funded, the grant funding and other resources identified will be administered by Local First Arizona and will be used to provide training for residents in Tribal communities to support local community needs, including training to assist with communication, evacuation, and other emergency operations, as well as certification in CPR, first-aid, and other life-saving skills to provide assistance when disasters strike.

**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, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** 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* 7-6-2023  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

*Vaneysa Johnson* 07/07/2023  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date