



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Accepting Tribal Wildlife Grant to Construct a Fish Barrier in Crooked Creek for the Protection of Apache Trout)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides at Article IV, Section 1(f), that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights 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 Tribe’s Game & Fish Department was awarded a Tribal Wildlife Grant (the “Grant”) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and this day requests that the Council formally accept the grant on the Tribe’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Award is in the amount of \$200,000.00, and will be used to construct a fish barrier in Crooked Creek to protect the Apache Trout population from negative interactions with the brown trout by keeping them (brown trout) from moving upstream (see attached information sheet, incorporated herein by reference); and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that accepting the Grant will help protect the Apache Trout in Crooked Creek, 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 it hereby accepts the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Tribal Wildlife Grant Award, in the amount of \$200,000.00, to be used to construct a fish barrier for the protection of Apache Trout in Crooked Creek.

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.

Resolution No. 08-2023-192

The foregoing resolution was on **AUGUST 02, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **FOUR** 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 8.3.2023 Vaneysa Johnson 8/3/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date