



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Tribe Public Works Department to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development – FY 2024 Solid Waste Management Grant Program)

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Public Works Department (“Public Works”) is responsible for the management of the Tribe’s residential and commercial solid waste programs as well as the operation of the Tribe’s landfill; and

WHEREAS, Public Works is responsible for all trash collections for approximately six-thousand commercial and private accounts using an integrated collection strategy to recycle or dispose of household waste in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Public Works services reduces waste in tribal communities, protects public health, alleviates hazardous wastes, eliminates pollution, keeps communities clean, and protects the environment; and

WHEREAS, to promote the continued learning and development of Public Works personnel in the solid waste industry, a technical assistance and training program is needed for Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council supports the professional and career development of Tribal personnel which will improve and continue to build the Tribe's capacity for management of its Tribal departments, programs, and enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the submission of Public Works grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the FY 2024 Solid Waste Management Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000.00 to plan, create, and implement a technical assistance and training program for continued solid waste education and professional development of Public Works personnel.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Public Works Department grant application, due December 31, 2023, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the FY 2024 Solid Waste Management Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000.00.

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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 **DECEMBER 11, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** 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 12-17-2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 12/13/2023
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date