



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Purchase of Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Program Insurance for the Tribal Herd Through Agent/Provider CKP Insurance LLC)

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”; in Section 1(b), “To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with federal law or this constitution”, in Section 1(h), “To regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property”, and in Section 1(i), “To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe ... and any other Tribal activities”, and in Section 1(s), “To regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has chartered ten livestock associations for the management of the herds, which the Tribe and Tribal members share an ownership interests in, and for the productive management of grazing lands on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and

WHEREAS, These livestock associations include: Forestdale, Canyon Day, Grasshopper, Cedar Creek, Carrizo, Turkey Creek, North Fork, Oak Creek, Cibecue, and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Herd; and

WHEREAS, On November 23, 2023, the Council enacted Resolution No. 11-2023-255, thereby rescinding prior Resolution No. 11-2022-283 “Authorizing Those Cattle Associations Chartered Under Tribal Law to Purchase Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Program Insurance Through Agent/Provider CKP Insurance LLC”; and

WHEREAS, The Council now opts for the participation of the Tribal Herds, including coverage of the grazing lands of the Carrizo Livestock Association and other Tribal trust lands, in the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Program (the “Insurance Program”), sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, which provides payments to farmers and ranchers to offset precipitation shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, The Council has selected CKP Insurance, LLC as the provider/agent for the Insurance Program, and Great American Insurance Company as the insurance provider; and

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WHEREAS, Payment of premiums are to be paid by the Tribe, and the Tribe would remain the beneficiary of the policy; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that authorizing the participation of the Tribal Herds, including coverage of the grazing lands of the Carrizo Livestock Association and other Tribal trust lands, in the USDA Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Program, utilizing CKP Insurance, LLC as the provider/agent for the Insurance Program, and Great American Insurance Company as the insurance provider is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Given the urgency of the request described herein, the Tribal Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby authorizes participation of the Tribal Herds, including coverage of the grazing lands of the Carrizo Livestock Association and other Tribal trust lands, in the USDA Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Program, utilizing CKP Insurance, LLC as the provider/agent for the Insurance Program, and Great American Insurance Company as the insurance provider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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.

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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 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 12, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of 10 for, 0 against, and 0 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 12.13.2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vanessa Johnson 12/13/23
Vanessa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2023.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Kasey Velasquez 12-13-2023 ij TCS Initials
Kasey Velasquez
Tribal Chairman

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Jerome Kasey, III
Vice Chairman

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member

Travis J. Tessay, Sr. 12/12/2023 ij TCS Initials
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District II Council Member

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Mariddie Craig
District IV Council Member

Date Signed _____ TCS Initials
Verna Westover
District IV Council Member

ATTEST:

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

Wed. Dec. 13, 2023
Date Signed