



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Application for FY 2024 USDA Forest Service Wood Innovation Grant: WMATCO Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) 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 to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”, and in section 1(j), “To accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Timber Company (“WMATCO”) Advanced Manufacturing Implementation Project (“Project”) is an initiative to accelerate advanced manufacturing technologies within the wood products manufacturing system, whereby the planned technology integrates a complete lumber manufacturing system, reflecting turnkey innovation with state-of-the-art sawmill equipment, automated controls, and high-tech optimization, which will enhance quality, lumber recovery, and grade yield, increasing the productivity and profitability of WMATCO operations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the Project to retrofit, expand, and improve WMATCO facilities, that will enable increased utilization of trees and woody biomass from tribal lands in need of ecosystem restoration; and
- WHEREAS,** WMATCO intends to apply for the FY 2024 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation support grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to implement the WMATCO Project and to accelerate advanced manufacturing technologies within the wood products manufacturing system, and the Tribe will remove vegetation from tribal lands and process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects in areas at high risk of wildfire or insect or disease mortality to supply raw material requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of the funding deadline on December 15, 2023, the Tribal Council further finds that the grant application needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal 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 would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (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.

Resolution No. 12-2023-277

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the submission of the White Mountain Apache Timber Company FY 2024 USDA Forest Service Woodlands Innovation grant application in the amount of \$300,000.00 to implement advanced manufacturing technologies within the WMATCO manufacturing system and to use vegetation from the White Mountain Apache tribal lands to process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects in areas at high risk of wildfire or insect or disease mortality to support raw material requirements of the WMATCO capital improvements.

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.

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 14, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of 9 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
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

12.15.2023
Date





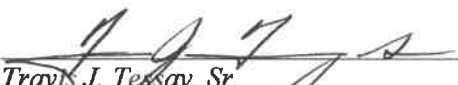

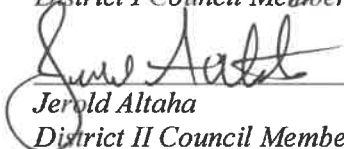

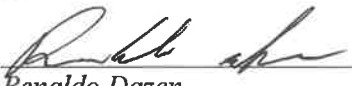

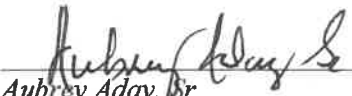





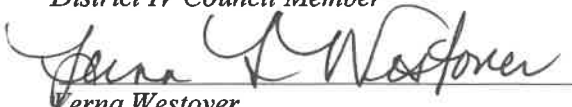

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

12/15/2023
Date


Resolution No. 12-2023-277

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 14th day of DECEMBER, 2023.

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

 Kasey Velasquez Tribal Chairman	<u>12.15.2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
_____ Jerome Kasey, III Vice Chairman	_____ Date Signed	_____ TCS Initials
 Arnold Beach, Sr. District I Council Member	<u>Dec. 14, 2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Travis J. Tessay, Sr. District I Council Member	<u>12-14-2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Jerold Altaha District II Council Member	<u>12-14-23</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Renaldo Dazen District II Council Member	<u>14 Dec 2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Aubrey Aday, Sr. District III Council Member	<u>12/14/23</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Annette Tenjieth. District III Council Member	<u>12-14-2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
 Gary Achesay District IV Council Member	<u>12-14-2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials
_____ Mariddie Craig District IV Council Member	_____ Date Signed	_____ TCS Initials
 Verna Westover District IV Council Member	<u>12-14-2023</u> Date Signed	 TCS Initials

ATTEST:


Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

12/14/2023
Date Signed