



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Burial of a Non-Tribal Member, Delbert Saunders, Within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(h) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has been advised that Delbert Saunders, a non-member, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for over thirty years has passed away, and that his family desires for him to be buried within the Reservation at Whiteriver, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe, who extends their sympathy to the Saunders family; and

WHEREAS, Given the urgency of this matter, the Tribal Council further finds that this request 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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange for the burial of Delbert Saunders at the Cemetery in Whiteriver, Arizona, within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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.

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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 **JANUARY 17, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of 7 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

1.17.2024
Date


Daneyza Johnson
Daneyza Johnson, Tribal Secretary

01/17/2024
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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution
Initiated the 17 th day of January, 2024.

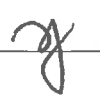
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Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials



Kasey Velasquez
Tribal Chairman

1-17-2024

Date Signed

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Jerome Kasey, III
Vice Chairman

Date Signed

TCS Initials

Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member

Date Signed


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Travis J. Tessay, Sr.
District I Council Member

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
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Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member

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Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member

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
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Gary Alshesay
District IV Council Member

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District IV Council Member

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
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Verna Westover
District IV Council Member

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ATTEST:



Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

01/17/2024

Date Signed