



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Police Department to Apply for the FY 2024 Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare 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 Police Department (“WMAPD”) has identified an opportunity to apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Programs’ Indian Highway Safety Program Grant (“IHSP”), under the category of Law Enforcement Grants; and

**WHEREAS,** The proposed grant opportunity (the “Grant”), if awarded, would provide reimbursement to the Tribe, for the purpose of reestablishing the Indian Highway Safety Program with WMAPD to reduce the high number of traffic accidents and their resulting fatalities, injuries, and property damage on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** WMAPD requests that the Tribal Council authorize it to apply for the Grant; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the request and finds that authorizing WMAPD to apply for the Grant will help the Tribe protect its people, and is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribe’s Police Department to apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant for FY 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby instructs WMAPD to make a timely and complete submission of the required documents and materials to the granting agency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that should the grant be awarded the Police Department and the Finance Department are instructed to develop and implement a budget for receipt and expenditures of funds received pursuant to the Grant.

**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.

**Resolution No. 04-2024-072**

**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 APRIL 23, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ONE against, and ZERO 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 4-24-2024  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 4/29/2024  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date