



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorization for the U.S. Census Bureau to Conduct the 2026 Test Census on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.)

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, "To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe..."; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the U.S. Constitution (Art. 1, Sec. 2) and Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Census Bureau, an Agency within the Department of Commerce, is required to conduct a complete count of the U.S. population every 10 years, which includes demographics for housing, age, race, gender, ethnicity, income, poverty, employment, language use, and other household characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is particularly focused on improving engagement and outreach practices with Tribal Nations on a Government-to-Government basis; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Commerce contacted the Tribe, by letter dated May 7, 2024, requesting its participation in the 2026 Census Test, a new and enhanced series of processes and methods of certain features that were not used in the previous 2020 Census for implementation in the 2030 Census, and for such purpose of government-to-government consultation; and

WHEREAS, the Census forms the basis of all federal allocation, appropriation, and budget decisions, including the apportionment of funds for Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the Tribe's participation in the 2026 Test Census is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the U.S. Census Bureau's request to conduct the 2026 Census Test, implementing new and enhanced processes and methods to improve the effectiveness for obtaining accurate data for the 2030 Decennial Census through consultation with the U.S. Census Bureau on a government-to-government basis, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is hereby approved.

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 JULY 10, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

7-15-2024
Date

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

7/15/2024
Date