

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Selection of Kenew, LLC as the Project Program Manager to Implement the Tribal Broadband Project)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe including...any other Tribal activities", and in Article IV, Section 1(k) "To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes..."; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe received funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program ("TBCP") to deploy infrastructure on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution 11-2023-245 and Resolution 02-2024-042 authorized the Tribe's attorneys, in coordination with David Fish, to prepare a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to coordinate and direct implementation of the Tribe's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grant; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution 05-2024-100 authorized the advertisement of the position and Request for Proposals for a Tribal Broadband Project Program Manager; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe received several RFP's and it has been recommended that Kenew, LLC be selected as the Project Program Manager to implement the Tribal Broadband Project; and
- WHEREAS, The Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to select Kenew, LLC as the Tribal Broadband Project Program Manger to carry out and manage the work under the NTIA TBCP grant, to communicate with NTIA, the Tribe's attorneys, and the Tribe's contractors, and to provide regular updates to the Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby selects Kenew, LLC, as the Tribal Broadband Project Program Manager to coordinate and direct implementation of the work under the NTIA TBCP grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe 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 OCTOBER 9, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and ONE 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, Chairman

Date

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date