

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Directing the Tribal Business Office to Resume the Wood Buying and Distribution Program for the Winter of 2024)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian 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 matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to assist in mitigating and responding to the threat of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 08-2021-168, the Tribe allocated ARPA funding for the Tribe's Wood Buying and Distribution Program to assist qualifying households to keep warm during the winter months; and
- WHEREAS, A proposal to resume the Wood Buying and Distribution Program to continue assisting qualifying tribal members with heating their homes during the winter months is up for Council consideration; and
- WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed and considered this proposal and finds that resuming the Wood Buying and Distribution Program will provide qualifying Tribal members with much needed assistance in heating their homes during the winter months, 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 directs the Tribal Business Office to resume the Wood Buying and Distribution Program.

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 directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinance, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and voice 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 <u>DECEMBER 18, 2024</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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