

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Allocating \$2.5M of the Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Weatherization Program)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(k) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes..."; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe received Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal government as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117-2)("ARPA"), which are intended to provide support of state, local and tribal governments in responding to the impacts of COVID-19, and in their efforts to contain the spread of this disease amongst their communities; and
- WHEREAS, The Council enacted Resolution Nos. 03-2022-63 and 03-2022-63A establishing an ARPA-funded program for home repairs and weatherization for individual homes on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Weatherization Program"); and
- WHEREAS, The Council finds that making an additional allocation of \$2.5M of ARPA funds to the Weatherization Program is an appropriate usage of these funds, and 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 it hereby allocates \$2.5M of the Tribe's ARPA funds for the Weatherization Program, to be expended consistent with ARPA statutory and regulatory restrictions, U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance regarding ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds, federal and Tribal procurement regulations, and Resolution No. 03-2022-63, as amended by Resolution No. 03-2022-63A.

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.

Resolution No. <u>01-2024-004</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JANUARY 3, 2024</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>ELEVEN</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