



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval to Submit P.L. 93-638 Funding Proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Fund Tribal Positions to Work on Behalf of the Tribe on Applicable Tribal Forest Protection Act Projects)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “to negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description... with the United States...”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe proposes to submit a Public Law 93-638 contract proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fund one or more positions that would report directly to the Chairman and serve the Tribal Council and Tribal Departments involved, to facilitate and manage new 638 agreements with the U.S. Forest Service, pursuant to the Tribal Forest Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, A Justification memorandum, dated September 7, 2023, is attached hereto that outlines the goals and specific duties of a Tribal Forest Liaison and Project Manager position in more detail, as well as a proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the draft proposal and Justification memorandum and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize the Tribe to submit a 638 Contract Proposal to the BIA to fund one or more positions to work on behalf of the Tribe related to projects funded through the U.S. Forest Service by way of the Tribal Forest Protection Act.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribe to submit a Public Law 93-638 contract proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, subject to any further applicable Legal Counsel’s review, to fund one or more tribal positions which would report directly to the Chairman, and serve the Tribal Council and Tribal Departments with work on behalf of the Tribe to facilitate 638 agreements with the U.S. Forest Service, and the Coronado, Tonto, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, pursuant to the Tribal Forest Protection Act.

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.

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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 **FEBRUARY 20, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** for, **ZERO** 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
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

2/28/24
Date

Vanessa Johnson
Vanessa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

03/04/2024
Date