



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Application by Ndee Bikiyaa for USDA Value-Added Producer Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“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 all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Section 1(j) “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, The Council has declared development of Ndee Bikiyaa, Tribal Farm, and its partners as a high priority and have determined it to be beneficial and productive; and

WHEREAS, Funding assistance is needed by Ndee Bikiyaa for salaries, fringe, equipment, and supplies to develop farm value-added products; and

WHEREAS, USDA Value-Added Producer grant program has announced availability up to \$250,000 grant (“Grant”), with a cost share requirement that can be fulfilled with other farm 01 budget funding, that supports projects for which the Tribal Farm is eligible; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has reviewed Ndee Bikiyaa’s request, and finds that authorizing the Tribal Farm to apply for the Grant 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 authorizes and instructs Ndee Bikiyaa to make a timely and complete submission of the USDA Value-Added Producer grant program application for Fiscal Year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that the Tribe receives grant funds, Ndee Bikiyaa and the Grants & Contracts Department are instructed to create a budget for receipt and expenditure of said funds, subject to the terms and conditions of any application funding agreement and review by the Tribe’s Office of Attorney General.

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.

Resolution No. 03-2024-053

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 **MARCH 06, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **FOUR** 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 3.7.2024
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 03/07/2024
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date