



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program to Apply for the 2024 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section I(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), the power “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Head Start Program (“Head Start”) desires to apply for the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (“COLA”) grant of 2.35 percent, an increase of \$61,508 of the FY 2023 base funding; and

WHEREAS, Head Start will be responsible for the submission requirements for the COLA application in the amount of \$61,508 into the Head Start Enterprise System; and

WHEREAS, Head Start will submit a detailed justification that confirms the source of the non-federal match and proposes a waiver of any portion of the non-federal match requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Council supports the Head Start Staff Cost-of-Living increase of 2.35 percent for all staff and vacant positions by approving the COLA application, and that it 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 approves and authorizes the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program to apply for the Head Start COLA grant of 2.35 percent (\$61,508).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it instructs the Head Start administration to make a complete and timely submission of said grant.

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. 06-2024-128

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 JUNE 05, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and THREE 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>6.7.2024</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>06/07/2024</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date