



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing Burial of a Non-Tribal Member, Henry Leslie, Within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)**

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(h) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of Tribal property"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has been advised that Henry Leslie, a non-member, who resided on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for many years has passed away, and that his family desires for him to be buried within the Reservation at Hondah, Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that the request provided herein is consistent with the culture and tradition of White Mountain Apache Tribe, who extends their sympathy to the Leslie family; and

**WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of pending burial arrangements, the Tribal Council further finds that the authorization needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission to the family to arrange for the burial of Henry Leslie at the Cemetery in Hondah, Arizona, within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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**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.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 14, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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

8.20.2024  
Date

Vaneysa Johnson  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

08/20/2024  
Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**Presented Personally by Tribal Council  
Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials**

Kasey Velasquez 8.20.2024 ij TCS Initials  
Kasey Velasquez  
Tribal Chairman

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Jerome Kasey, III  
Vice Chairman

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Date Signed

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TCS Initials

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Tony Alsenay  
District I Council Member

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Date Signed

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TCS Initials

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Travis J. Tessay, Sr.  
District I Council Member

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Date Signed

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TCS Initials

Elva Lomayaktewa 8/20/2024 ij TCS Initials  
Elva Lomayaktewa  
District II Council Member

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Date Signed

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Renaldo Dazen  
District II Council Member

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Date Signed

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Ivan Walker, Jr. 8/20/2024 ij TCS Initials  
Ivan Walker, Jr.  
District III Council Member

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Date Signed

Annette Tenijieth 8-20-24 ij TCS Initials  
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Cairo Clay 8/20/24 ij TCS Initials  
Cairo Clay  
District IV Council Member

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Date Signed

**ATTEST:**  
Vanessa Johnson  
Vanessa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

08/20/2024  
Date Signed