



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Approval for the Research Proposal Entitled “Protecting Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledges: Biodiversity and Wellbeing Scan”)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and

**WHEREAS,** Apache intergenerational ecological knowledge has sustained the White Mountain Apache People since time immemorial, yet many Indigenous Peoples face challenges in preserving and protecting their Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledges (ITEK) as a result of many factors, including climate change; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Danya Carroll, a tribal member, and Dr. Nicole Redvers of Western University request approval to conduct a proposed research project that involves focus groups and interviews with local community members, including elders of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, through individual consent forms, as attached and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed research aims to benefit the Tribe by promoting local capacity and supporting Apache communities in ensuring their available ITEKs are secured and protected for generations to come, and the research project will also inform a toolkit that can be shared with and support Indigenous communities through this process; and

**WHEREAS,** Western University and its agents, including Dr. Danya Carroll and Dr. Nicole Redvers, acknowledge that the interviews and other information acquired during the performance of the research project is sensitive and confidential, and is otherwise protected under applicable laws, and will be protected from disclosure to any entity or person for any reason, including publication, except as authorized by the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** Western University and its agents further acknowledge and agree that all such Confidential Information shall be considered Tribal property for any purpose, regardless of location or custody of such information; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concurs that the research project presented by Dr. Danya Carroll and Dr. Nicole Redvers 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 consent for Dr. Danya Carroll and Dr. Nicole Redvers to conduct the proposed research, through the individual consent of participants, entitled “Protecting Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledges: Biodiversity and Wellbeing Scan”.

***Resolution No. 11-2024-238***

**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 NOVEMBER 20, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>11-26-24</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>12/02/2024</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date