



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Historic Preservation Office to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs Funding to Assist with the Emory Oak Preservation Project)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States"; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Historic Preservation Office was established by the Tribal Council in 1998 to assume all responsibilities previously administered by the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"), with responsibilities that include management, compliance, and an inventory of the Tribe's cultural heritage resources on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Through the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office and other Tribal departments, the Tribe desires to conserve and restore woodlands, rangelands, and wildlife habitat on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Funding is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Region Office, Branch of Forestry, to assist the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office in their effort to treat Emory Oak stands, a traditional food source for the Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** The initiation of the Emory Oak Preservation Project places an emphasis on facilitating and supporting cultural activities for Tribal members that may include acorn collecting, ethnographic interviews, the creation of educational materials, workshops, camps, and supplementing existing Tribal cultural preservation programs; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council deems it appropriate and in the best interests of the Tribe and its members to support the Historic Preservation Office by authorizing their request to apply for funding in their efforts to create a healthy Emory Oak stand by restoring a healthy thriving, acorn producing tree species in a forest environment on the Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the WMAT Historic Preservation Office to apply for grant funds from the BIA Western Regional Office, Branch of Forestry, to assist with the Emory Oak Preservation Project in treating Emory Oak stands on the Reservation, and to support the activities listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the preservation of the Emory Oak traditional food source and determines that the project will be an important beneficial factor to the Tribe by restoring a healthy thriving acorn-producing tree stand which will be benefit Tribal members for generations to come.

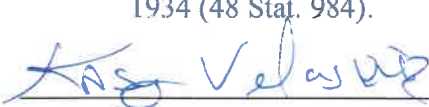
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

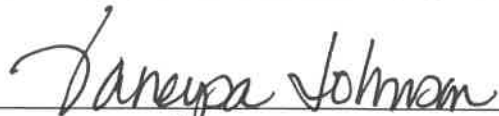
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting 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 JANUARY 08, 2025 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ONE 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).

 1.10.25
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

 01/14/2025
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date