



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the WMAT Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program's Tribal Family Assistance Plan)

- 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, "[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...", and at Article IV, Section 1(s), the power "to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes"; and
- WHEREAS,** The federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provides Tribal governments authority to develop, establish, and administer their own Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") Programs, a federally funded Social Services Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS,** Since 1998, the Tribe has administered its own TANF Program in coordination with the Arizona Department of Economic Security Family Assistance Administration; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Department of Social Services ("WMAT DSS"), this day, presents for approval its Tribal Family Assistance Plan ("TFAP") to the Tribal Council for administering the Tribe's TANF Program for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028 ("the Plan"), attached and incorporated herein; and
- WHEREAS,** The Plan provides for application and processing, eligibility, payment of benefits, time limits for receiving benefits, work requirements, support services, dispute resolution, fiscal accountability, data collection and reporting, retrocession and holidays; and
- WHEREAS,** WMAT DSS has provided the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with an opportunity to comment on the Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** After careful review and consideration, the Council finds that approving the Plan is in the best interest of the Tribe as it provides much needed assistance to eligible residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in need of such financial assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the newly submitted Tribal Family Assistance Plan and authorizes its execution for the period beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2028, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to update and modify the plan as needed, provided that any substantive changes are subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council.

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

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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 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).

Kasey Velasquez 1-10-25

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

Vaneysa Johnson 01/14/2025

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date