



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Authorizing a Public Law 93-638 Contract for Geographical Information System Functions for the Tribe's Agriculture Program)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian 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(b), the power "[t]o negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description ... with the State of Arizona or the United States"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Agriculture Program under the Land Operations Department strengthens and assists in the operation of the Tribe's overall Agriculture Program by providing technical assistance and other services to rangeland and cropland agriculture producers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") - Fort Apache Agency ("FAA") provided a letter, dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, informing the Tribe of several Geographical Information System ("GIS") functions under the BIA-FAA Forestry Tribal Priority Allocation ("TPA") Program with available funding; and

**WHEREAS,** The Land Operations Department was informed that the GIS functions are currently available for contracting by the Tribe to further the goals and objectives of the Department, which contracts the Agriculture Program and Safety of Dams Program; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council concurs with the Land Operations Department and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to negotiate and contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, for funding and scope of work requirements for the Geographical Information System functions under the BIA Forestry Tribal Priority Allocation Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Land Operations Department, working with the Office of the Attorney General, is hereby authorized to negotiate and to enter into a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, for the purpose of acquiring funding and agreeing on scope of work requirements for the Geographical Information System functions under the BIA Forestry Tribal Priority Allocation Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Geographical Information System functions be administered by the Land Operations Department with the understanding that regular updates be provided to 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 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 SEVEN for, THREE 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

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

3-13-25

Date

Vaneya Johnson

Vaneya Johnson, Tribal Secretary

3/13/2025

Date