



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Enter into a P.L. 93-638 Contract with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Office of Vital Records for Certain Tribal Enrollment Program Functions)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides at Article IV, Section 1(b), that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "[t]o negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with federal law or this constitution, with any person, association or corporation, with any municipality or any county, or with the State of Arizona or the United States..."; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe's Office of Vital Records has managed the issuance of Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood and verifications of membership records for enrolled members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs enter into a P.L. 93-638 contract for certain tribal enrollment functions will help the Tribe be able to continue to provide necessary public services and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Office of Vital Records to submit, negotiate, and execute a P.L. 93-638 Contract for certain Tribal Enrollment Program functions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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 FEBRUARY 05, 2025 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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 2-5-25
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 02/05/2025
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date