



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing Amendment to Scope of Work for EDA Grant No. 07-79-07765)**

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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(j), the power “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

**WHEREAS,** White Mountain Apache Community Development (“CDC”) Board of Directors and the White Mountain Apache Timber Company (“WMATCO”) Board of Directors have agreed on a collaborative partnership to meet the economic development needs of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** CDC was successful in securing an Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) grant for \$3.3 million for investment into the operations of the organizational structure and management control systems of WMATCO and attained approval to acquire equipment, in the amount of \$3 million, as part of the WMATCO Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 21, 2025 there was a catastrophic fire at WMATCO, resulting in a total loss of the large log mill, necessitating a change in the scope of work of the EDA grant; and

**WHEREAS,** Amending the EDA grant to address critical infrastructure upgrades and improvements to the DLI Small Log Mill is necessary to maintain job retention for the current workforce of 65, and to continue addressing forest management, logging operations, sawmill operations, and forest fire prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** In light of the fire incident, the Council supports CDC and WMATCO’s proposal to amend the scope of work to secure equipment for the DLI-Small Log Mill, which is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submittal of a revised Scope of Work to the 2021 U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, grant award in the amount of \$3.3 million to acquire equipment for the DLI Small Log Mill, as part of a WMATCO Capital Improvement Plan.

**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 **FEBRUARY 19, 2025** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for, **ZERO** against, and **TWO** 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 2.20.25*

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

*Vaneyssa Johnson 2/20/2025*

Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date