

**RESOLUTION NO. 133 -23**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
**YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION**

**A Resolution Approving Membership for Samara Delaina Garcia, Sienna Lee Garcia, Ara Bella Joshevama, Oakley John Niiha, Oliver Jack Niiha, and Samuel Jordan Niiha**

**WHEREAS:** The Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council (“Council”) is authorized to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation (“Nation”) and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Nation, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the Yavapai-Apache Nation (“Constitution”) as provided by Article V(a) of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS:** The Council is authorized to implement by Ordinance the membership provisions of the Constitution as provided by Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS:** Article II Membership, Subsection 1(b) of the Constitution provides that all children born to any member who are one fourth (1/4) or more Indian blood shall be eligible for membership in the Nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Membership applications for Samara Delaina Garcia, Sienna Lee Garcia, Ara Bella Joshevama, Oakley John Niiha, Oliver Jack Niiha, and Samuel Jordan Niiha have been received by the Nation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Enrollment Board, with input from the Enrollment Manager, has determined that the above-referenced applicants satisfy the requirements for membership in the Yavapai-Apache Nation under Article II Membership, Subsection 1(b) of the Constitution and recommends to the Tribal Council that the applicants be approved for membership in the Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Council, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, hereby approves the enrollment of Samara Delaina Garcia, Sienna Lee Garcia, Ara Bella Joshevama, Oakley John Niiha, Oliver Jack Niiha, and Samuel Jordan Niiha as members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation as provided for under Article II Membership, Subsection 1(b) of the Constitution.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chairwoman, or Vice-Chairman, or either of them, are hereby authorized to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, with a quorum in attendance, presented for approval on August 9 2023, by a vote of 8 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority contained under the Constitution of the Yavapai-Apache Nation as cited above.

Tanya Lewis

Tanya Lewis, Chairwoman

### ATTEST:

Karla Reimer

Karla Reimer, Council Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Lisa Estensen

Office of the Attorney General