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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter expresses my full support of the horseshoeing program provided by the Native American Horse Education Foundation under the direction of George Goode. The knowledge and the art of horseshoeing are very limited and has very little awareness by Native American horse and livestock owners. The proposed educational program of proper horseshoeing and care of a horse's feet are skills that should be taught to large animal owners of all ages in the San Carlos Apache Reservation. I have been approached by many of the local tribal cattle association members, stockmen, cowboys, and large animal pet owners in which all have expressed interest in the topic of shoeing horses in the correct manner. A program like this will spur individuals to properly shoe their horses and provide this service to other tribal members. The education of horseshoeing will help people of San Carlos gain an important life skill that can be passed on to future generations. This program will create economic opportunities for participants to bring in money to the reservation. This program is a vital necessity for the people of San Carlos as that their horses are an important part to their culture and livestock operations.

If this proposal is approved, I will assist in the facilitation and hosting of workshops on the San Carlos Apache Reservation and I would expect around 25 to 30 individuals to attend each of these educational events. I am grateful for the potential funding provided in this proposal to further my work and please contact me via phone or email listed below if you have any questions regarding my collaboration and partnership on this project.

Sincerely,

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