

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing a Temporary Director of Utility Authority and Authorizing a Forensic Audit)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was informed of the concerns of many tribal members who experience difficulty in making payments to the WMAT Utility Authority and also concerns regarding the financial standing of Utility Authority; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, it was recommended that an audit be conducted by REDW; and

WHEREAS, it was also recommended that Alfred Walker, a current employee, be temporarily appointed as the Utility Authority Director for ninety (90) days; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to request REDW to conducts an audit of the finances of the Utility Authority, appoint Alfred Walker for ninety days, and for Cheryl Pailzote to continue oversight of the Utility Authority.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Alfred Walker for ninety days as Utility Authority Director with the understanding that Cheryl Pailzote remains in her position in the Water Resources Program with continued oversight of the Utility Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a forensic audit to be conducted on the Utility Authority; and furthermore, that the Tribal Treasurer, Deron Peaches, is hereby directed to ensure payment of the aforementioned audit.

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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 <u>OCTOBER 24, 2018</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date '