



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## ( Authorizing the Renewal of Special Legal Counsel and Lobbyist Contracts )

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- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe employs special legal counsel and lobbyists from time to time to represent the Tribe in specialized areas, including but not limited to: water rights; energy; pension; and other litigation areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe currently contracts with Robert C. Brauchli, P.C. for water rights and other issues; Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP for carbon credit matters; Ziontz Chestnut for litigation; Yoder & Langford, P.C. for pension issues; George Hesse for conflict and other special matters; and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck as federal lobbyists; and
- WHEREAS,** the Attorney General oversees the work of each special legal counsel and lobbying firm in order to ensure that the needs of the Tribe are addressed and that any deadlines and/or timelines are properly and timely met; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to comply with the Tribe's audits and for timely payments to each respective firm, it is necessary that contracts are within their respective term limits and that an efficient process exists to authorize any necessary renewals of each contract upon their expiration; and
- WHEREAS,** the Attorney General seeks to renew current contracts that have previously been approved by the Tribal Council and that are within the budget allotted to the Office of the Attorney General for this purpose, with the understanding that any new long-term contracts with outside entities must be approved by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to ensure that all special legal counsel and lobbying contracts are timely renewed and current in order to meet the legal needs of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Attorney General to negotiate and the Chairwoman, or in her absence the Vice-Chairman, to sign the renewal contracts for special legal counsel and lobbyists who have contracts previously approved by the Tribal Council.

**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.

**Resolution No. 06-2019-111**

**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 **JUNE 12, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** 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 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

6/24/19

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

6/24/19

Date