



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Election Commission for 2019-2020 Elections)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article VI, Section 8 that the Tribal Council (“Council”) “...shall have the power to prescribe ordinances governing the conduct of referendums and elections.”; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Tribe’s Election Code provides that “The Tribal Election Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members, appointed by the Tribal Council, who shall be responsible for administering all elections of the White Mountain Apache Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, The following members of the Tribe have been identified and recommended by the Council for appointment to serve on the Tribal Election Commission:

Lorinda Nashio
Isaiah Benally
Paul Kuehl

Cheyenne Duane
Corlis Guy
Doreen Numkena - Secretary

Berta Bones
Perlinda Cosen
Dawnafe Whitesinger ; and

WHEREAS, The Council has also selected the following individuals to serve as alternates in the event that one or more of the above-named individuals declines their appointment to the Commission:

LeeAnn Lacapa

Dorothy Parker

Letha Cosay; and

WHEREAS, The Council expects that Election Commissioners will carry out their duties with great care and dedication, emphasizing integrity, communication, professionalism and diligence, with the primary objective of conducting a quality election with minimal confusion for the benefit of the Tribal Community; and

WHEREAS, The Council has considered the financial state of the Tribe and has set forth the following conditions:

1. The Commission shall maintain its budget, and no amendments will be considered once a budget is proposed, reviewed, and authorized by members of the governing body.
2. Meeting pay shall be paid on the regularly scheduled Tribal paydays to avoid delays.
3. Reimbursement requests for mileage shall not be permitted, regardless of distance traveled, except as provided for below.
4. Commissioners must reside on the Reservation for the duration of their tenure on the Board.
5. Travel shall be approved for a single training event conducted in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following individuals to the White Mountain Apache Tribe's 2019-2020 Election Commission, pursuant to the Tribal Election Code:

Lorinda Nashio
Isaiah Benally
Paul Kuehl

Cheyenne Duane
Corlis Guy
Doreen Numkena - Secretary

Berta Bones
Perlinda Cosen
Dawnafe Whitesinger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that one or more of the above-named individuals declines appointment to the Election Commission, resigns or is removed, alternates shall be appointed to fill their seats in the order listed below:

1. LeeAnn Lacapa;
2. Dorothy Parker; and
3. Letha Cosay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares that the following conditions must be met or adhered to in order to remain seated and in good standing with members of the governing body:

1. The Commission shall maintain its budget, and no amendments will be considered once a budget is proposed, reviewed, and authorized by members of the governing body.
2. Meeting pay shall be paid on the regularly scheduled Tribal paydays to avoid delays.
3. Reimbursement requests for mileage shall not be permitted, regardless of distance traveled.
4. Commissioners must reside on the Reservation.
5. Travel shall be approved for a single training event conducted in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the commission to conduct its initial meeting for orientation and budgetary discussions in line with budges previously approved, with the exception that the aforementioned conditions must also be met and considered in preparing and presenting a budget for Tribal Council approval.

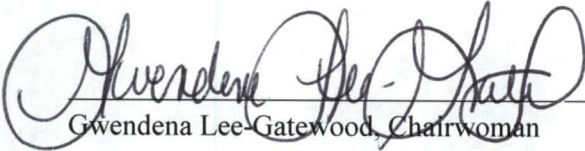
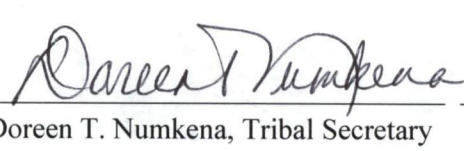
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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.

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The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 12, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).

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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date