



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Urging Appointment and Confirmation of Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee as Director of Indian Health Service)


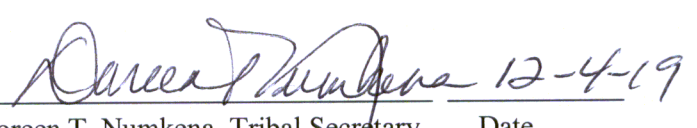
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe...”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Service (“IHS”) is obligated to provide healthcare services to American Indians and Alaska Natives (“AI/AN”s) in fulfillment of the federal government’s trust responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Throughout his career, Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Zuni, has been a commendable advocate for AI/ANs, and has worked to ensure that AI/ANs have access to quality healthcare; and
- WHEREAS,** Beginning in June 2017, Rear Admiral Weahkee served as Acting IHS Director for a year before assuming his current role as IHS Principal Deputy Director; and
- WHEREAS,** On October 22, 2019, Rear Adm. Weahkee was formally nominated by President Donald J. Trump to serve as permanent IHS Director; and
- WHEREAS,** IHS has lacked permanent leadership since 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that appointment and confirmation of Rear Admiral Weahkee as permanent Director of Indian Health Service will promote stable and efficient delivery of health services to AI/ANs, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe hereby urges the appointment and prompt confirmation of Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee as permanent Director of the Indian Health Services.
- 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.

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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 **DECEMBER 4, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** 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