



**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**  
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Appointing Carlos Valadez as the Tribe's COVID-19 Pandemic Incident Commander)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache 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 Tribe has mobilized an incident command team to manage all aspects of the Tribe's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that appointing the Tribe's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Carlos Valadez, to serve as the Incident Commander for the COVID-19 pandemic, is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Carlos Valadez is hereby appointed to serve as the Tribe's Incident Commander during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Mr. Valadez is vested with the authority necessary to carry out his duties in this role, and as may be delegated by the Council until he is relieved by subsequent act of the Council.

**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 MARCH 23, 2020 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

3/24/20

Handwritten signature of Doreen T. Numkena in black ink.

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date

3/24/2020