



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Appointing Five Members to the Sunrise Park Resort Board)

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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(i) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe”; and
- WHEREAS,** Sunrise Park Resort (“Sunrise”) is a subordinate governmental entity of the Tribe, over which the Council, pursuant to the Tribe’s Constitution and Sunrise’s Plan of Operations, exercises authority over appointment, removal, and management; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council through Resolution No. 10-2012-159 established the Sunrise Board of Directors (“Board”) to be appointed by the Council to oversee Sunrise and to undertake long-term planning and review in order to ensure its continued viability and general oversight of operations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Sunrise Plan of Operations authorized by the Tribe provides for a five-member Board that are selected to represent the community and business interests throughout the White Mountain region; and
- WHEREAS,** Three of the five Sunrise Board of Directors’ terms have expired, and two Sunrise Board of Directors were suspended on August 14, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been proposed that the following individuals be appointed to the Board:
- Lisa Brownlow;
  - Sheyenne Duane;
  - Dr. Rea Goklish;
  - Kirk Massey Sr.; and
  - Verna Westover; and
- WHEREAS,** The Sunrise Plan of Operation provides that the Sunrise Board “promote communication with the Tribal Council about the enterprise’s activities”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council recognizes a need to establish better communication between the Council and the Sunrise Board to ensure that the Council receives accurate information regarding Sunrise activities; and

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**WHEREAS,** It has been proposed that District I Councilmember Arnold Beach serve as a Tribal Council Liaison to the Sunrise Board to participate in Sunrise Board meetings as a non-voting participant; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council understands this Tribal Council Liaison will not be considered a Board of Director; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council concurs with the recommendations and finds it in the best interest of Sunrise, the Tribe and its members to appoint the above-listed persons to the Sunrise Park Resort Board of Directors.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Lisa Brownlow, Sheyenne Duane, Dr. Rea Goklish, Kirk Massey Sr., and Verna Westover to the Sunrise Park Resort's Board of Directors, each for one three-year term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints District I Councilmember Arnold Beach to serve as a non-voting Tribal Council Liaison to the Sunrise Park Resort Board of Directors.

**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 **NOVEMBER 17, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ONE** against, and **TWO** 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).

  12-17-2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date