



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Election Commission for the 2021-2022 Elections)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 8 of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and pursuant Section 2.1(A) of the Tribe's Election Code, "The Tribal Election Commission shall be composed of nine members appointed by the Tribal Council ("Council") who shall be responsible for administering all elections of the White Mountain Apache Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has identified nine respected community members with a record of community service, cultural understanding, and wisdom, and the respect and appreciation for the responsibilities and operations of the Tribal government. The following members were recommended for appointment to serve on the Tribal Election Commission:

Berta Bones
Lorinda Nashio
Kirk Massey, Sr.

Sheyenne Early Duane
Letha Cosay
Olajuwon Jeff Burnette

Doreen Numkena
Dorothy Parker
Christian Lent

Alternates: (in order as listed)

Asa Lavender, Jr.

Vino Burnette, Sr.

Erwin Thompson

; 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 Tribal Council has considered the financial state of the Tribe and imposes 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;
4. Commissioners must reside on the Reservation;
5. Travel shall be approved for a single training event should one be available.

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 Election Commission pursuant to the Tribal Election Code, to serve a term to expire six months for the date of the Tribe's General Election:

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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;
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5. Travel shall be approved for a single training event should one become available.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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).

 9/16/2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 9-16-2021
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date