



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approving Election Commission Legal Counsel Agreement with
Montgomery & Interpreter, PLC)**

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, To appoint subordinate committees...”; and

WHEREAS, The 2021-2022 Election Commission has notified the Office of the Attorney General that their legal counsel from previous years is unable to represent them this election cycle, and requested assistance with locating a suitable replacement; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery and Interpreter, a law firm with experience in working with tribal governments, has agreed to advise and represent the Tribe’s Election Commission with this election cycle, and has proposed an Engagement Letter to govern the attorney-client relationship (“Engagement Letter” attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The Election Commission, this day, proposes that the Council approve the Engagement Letter; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the Engagement Letter’s terms and finds that approving it will enable the Election Commission to operate properly and prepare for the upcoming election, and 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 the attached Engagement Letter between the Tribe and Montgomery & Interpreter ,PLC for representation of the White Mountain Apache Election Commission during the current election cycle is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Treasure is directed to make timely and appropriate payment, as provided for in the Engagement Letter.



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.

Resolution No. 11-2021-241

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 10, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

	<u>11.16.21</u>		<u>11-16-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date