

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Election Commission Budget for the 2022 Elections in the amount of \$250,000)

- WHEREAS, Article VI of the Tribal Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe requires regular elections to be held for Tribal Council every two years; and
- WHEREAS, The coming year is an election year under the Tribal Constitution schedule, with the primary election to occur on the first Wednesday in February and the general election to occur on the first Wednesday in April; and
- WHEREAS, As required by the Tribe's Election Code, the Tribal Council appointed the nine member Election Commission for the 2022 elections; and
- WHEREAS, The Election Commission has the responsibility under the Election Code to conduct and manage the election process; and
- WHEREAS, The Election Commission has prepared and presented a budget detailing the costs for conducting the full election process; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed budget, among other expenses, includes funding for the consultant responsible for the operation of the election machines, payment of wages for all precinct workers during the election days, and payment of stipends to the members of the Election Commission for their work from now until the general election process is completed; and
- **WHEREAS.** The Tribal Council finds that the requested budget serves the best interests of the Tribe and will help to maintain the integrity of the election process.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the budget request submitted this date by the Election Commission, and as shown in the attachment in the amount of \$250,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Election Commission is directed to complete its work within the budget authorized herein, as the Council will not approve additional funds for the Commission work, absent an extraordinary or unforeseen event from which an additional expenditure is absolutely necessary to properly conduct and safeguard the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe 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 **NOVEMBER 10, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood

Tribal Chairwoman

Date

11.16.21

Doreen T. Numkena

Tribal Secretary