



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Appointing Verna Westover to the Office District IV Council Member for the Remainder of Kasey Velasquez's District IV Council Term)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article VII, Section 2 that "Any vacancies on the Council or an vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chairman resulting from the application of the section immediately preceding shall be filled at once by a majority vote of the Council"; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VII, Section 2 also provides that "Persons so appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the office or member"; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 4, 2022, former District IV Councilmember Kasey Velasquez was inaugurated as Tribal Chairman, and this day resigned from his District VI Council seat, which resignation was accepted by the Tribal Council by Reso. 05-2022-103; and

**WHEREAS,** A majority of Council have voted, this day, to appoint Verna Westover to serve the remaining two years in the recently-vacated District IV Tribal Council seat, and finds that doing so will be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Verna Westover is hereby appointed to serve the remaining two years of the recently-vacated District IV Tribal Council seat vacated by Chairman Velasquez, until Wednesday May 1, 2024 or the date of the swearing in for that seat following a tribal election, whichever should occur first.

**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 Chairman, or in his 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 MAY 5, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, FOUR against, and ONE abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White

**Resolution No. 05-2022-104**

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).

  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

5-7-2022  
Date

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

5/6/2022  
Date