



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Attorney General Agreement and Delegating to the Attorney General the Authority to Sign Contracts and Agreements for Legal Assistance)

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

WHEREAS, On May 27, 2022, by Resolution No. 05-2022-150, the Council appointed Anthony Lee as Attorney General of the Tribe and he is now requesting an Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Because the Tribe’s legal needs are extensive, the Attorney General cannot, alone, serve as the sole legal advisor to the Tribe, and must employ both employee staff attorneys and outside counsel for special matters; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that: (1) delegating the authority to sign employment, retainer, and other legal consultation contracts to the Tribe’s Attorney General will help him meet the Tribe’s legal needs efficiently; and (2) authorizing the Chairman to sign his Employment Agreement is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Given the urgency of the situation, the Tribal Council further finds that this needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution; (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally; (3) no signature means that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and; (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Council hereby authorizes the Chairman to negotiate and sign the Attorney General’s Employment Agreement and delegates to the Tribe’s Attorney General the authority to sign employment, retainer, and other legal consultation contracts.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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 JUNE 15, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez 6.16.2022 Vaneya Johnson 6.16.2022
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneya Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution initiated the 15TH day of JUNE, 2022.

Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Kasey Velasquez June 15, 2022 ML TCS Initials
Kasey Velasquez
Tribal Chairman
Date Signed

Jerome Kasey, III
Vice Chairman
Date Signed
TCS Initials

Arnold Beach, Sr. June 15, 2022 ij TCS Initials
Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member
Date Signed

Travis J. Tossay, Sr. 6-15-22 ij TCS Initials
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District I Council Member
Date Signed

Jerold Altaha 6-15-22 ij TCS Initials
Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member
Date Signed

Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member
Date Signed
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Aubrey Aday, Sr. 6-15-22 ij TCS Initials
Aubrey Aday, Sr.
District III Council Member
Date Signed

Annette Tenijieth.
District III Council Member
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Gary Alchisay
District IV Council Member
Date Signed

Mariddie Craig
District IV Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

Verna Westover
District IV Council Member
Date Signed
TCS Initials

ATTEST:

Vaneyssa Johnson
Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

6/15/2022
Date Signed