



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Support for Nomination of Tribal Vice Chairman, Jerome Kasey, III to Serve as a Tribal Representative to the Indian Health Service Budget Formulation Work Group)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS,** The provision of health services to members of federally-recognized tribes grew out of the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The IHS Mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) authorizes Tribes and Tribal organizations to be funded by the Federal government to provide services that the Federal government would otherwise be obligated to provide due to the trust and treaty obligations of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Title V authorizes participating Tribes to redesign IHS programs, and redirect funds supporting those programs, in any manner that the Tribes determine is in the best interest of their communities, upholding Tribal sovereignty and Self-Determination, and better reflecting the diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS budget formulation process is comprised of annual forums for Indian Tribes and organizations to interact with the IHS to establish program priorities and budget recommendations; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes, Indian organizations and other key stakeholders are actively involved in the budget formulation process to ensure the IHS budget reflects the evolving health needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** IHS Tribal Budget Consultation begins at the Area level with two Tribal representatives selected to serve as Area representatives on the IHS Budget Formulation Work Group; and

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- WHEREAS,** The IHS Budget Formulation Work Group provides input and guidance to the IHS Director on matters related to the budget formulation cycle and identifies national priorities, policies and budget recommendations; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Representatives must be elected or appointed Tribal officials or representatives of a tribal official with a letter stating their appointment by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Phoenix Area IHS is seeking nominations for two Tribal representatives for the IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup to present recommendations regarding the FY 2025 IHS National Budget, Budget Priorities, and Area-specific Hot Issues; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to nominate Vice Chairman, Jerome Kasey, III, to serve on the IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgency of an approaching deadline, the Tribal Council further finds that the nomination needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal 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 would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (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 it hereby supports the nomination of Tribal Vice Chairman, Jerome Kasey, III, for the FY 2025 IHS Tribal Budget Consultation Process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this nomination shall remain in effect until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**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

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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 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 JANUARY 4, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of 7 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 B. Velasquez 01/04/23 Vanessa Johnson 1/04/23  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vanessa 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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



Kasey Velasquez  
Tribal Chairman

01/04/23

Date Signed

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TCS Initials

Jerome Kasey, III  
Vice Chairman

Date Signed

TCS Initials

Arnold Beach, Sr.  
District I Council Member

Date Signed

TCS Initials

  
Travis J. Tessay, Sr.  
District I Council Member

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Date Signed

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Jerold Altaha  
District II Council Member

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Date Signed

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Renaldo Dazen  
District II Council Member

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District III Council Member

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District IV Council Member

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District IV Council Member

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Verna Westover  
District IV Council Member

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ATTEST:

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary

Jan 4, 2023  
Date Signed