



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Appointing Melanie Alchesay to Serve as the Fire Chief for the Tribe's Fire and Rescue)

**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, commissions, boards, advisory or otherwise, Tribal officials and employees not provided for in this constitution, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes"; and

**WHEREAS,** Melanie Alchesay has served with distinction for some time as Acting Fire Chief, after the departure of her predecessor; and

**WHEREAS,** Council finds that permanently appointing Melanie Alchesay to serve as Fire Chief will continue to provide the Tribe with the experience, expertise and talent it needs to fulfil this important role, 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 Melanie Alchesay is hereby permanently appointed to serve as Fire Chief for the Tribe's Fire and Rescue, effective immediately and until subsequent Council action.

**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 JANUARY 31, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against, and TWO 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, Chairman      Date

      3/2/2023  
Vaneya Johnson, Tribal Secretary      Date