

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Ernestine Burnette-Yazzie Back to Position as Store Cashier within Apache Enterprise)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(i) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe", and in Article IV, Section 1(s), "to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, boards, advisory or otherwise, Tribal officials and employees... and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes"; and
- WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the complaint presented by former Apache Enterprise employee, Ernestine Burnette-Yazzie, and deliberated on employee conduct and concerns with previously rendered disciplinary action of immediate termination on July 16, 2023; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Council now finds that appointing Ernestine Burnette-Yazzie back to her prior position as a Store Cashier within Apache Enterprise 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 Ernestine Burnette-Yazzie is hereby appointed back to her prior position and status as Store Cashier within Apache Enterprise, effective immediately.

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 <u>SEPTEMBER 18, 2023</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention 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

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10/16/2023 Date