



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Imposing Moratorium on KNNB Radio Reports by the Tribal Council and Other Tribal Candidates Until Conclusion of the General Election)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To regulate its own procedures...”; and

WHEREAS, The Council has customarily imposed upon itself, its members, and other political candidates a temporary moratorium of appearing on KNNB Apache Radio to deliver Tribal Council Radio Reports, Tribal Department Radio Reports, or other addresses to the public, to avoid the appearance of unfair advantage; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that imposing such a moratorium will help to preserve equity and confidence in the Tribe’s election system, 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 a temporary moratorium is hereby imposed, effective today, whereby no Tribal Council members, including Chairman and Vice-Chairman, nor any other candidates for Tribal political office shall appear on, broadcast, or address the public using KNNB Apache Radio concerning any matter, until the conclusion of the General Election.

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 her 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 NOVEMBER 1, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, TWO against, and ZERO 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
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

Date

11.14.2023

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

Date

11/14/2023