



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(**Nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior**)

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, President Donald Trump announced the nomination of David Bernhardt as Deputy Secretary of the Interior Department; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke joined in the announcement and applauded the President's nomination of David Bernhardt as the Deputy Secretary; and

WHEREAS, previously, in 2006, David Bernhardt was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior; and while he was at the Department of the Interior, David Bernhardt was instrumental in negotiating and securing passage of the Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act and the Arizona Water Settlements Act, which authorized two major Indian water settlements in the State of Arizona, and paved the way for other equitable Indian water settlements in the State of Arizona, including the quantification of the aboriginal water rights of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, David Bernhardt's previous experience before being appointed in 2006 as the Solicitor of the Department of Interior, was in the capacity of deputy solicitor, deputy chief of staff, director of congressional and legislative affairs, and as counselor to then Secretary Norton; and

WHEREAS, David Bernhardt is respected by the White Mountain Apache Tribe and enjoys widespread respect in Indian Country as being fair and well versed in Native American issues and the historic and time-honored government to government and trust relationship between the Indian Nations and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to go on record as supporting the selection by President Donald Trump and Secretary Ryan Zinke of David Bernhardt to be appointed as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the nomination by President Donald Trump of David Bernhardt to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

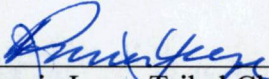
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the State of Arizona's United States Senators John McCain and Jay Flake and to such Senate Committees that are appropriate.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it also directs that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the offices of the Intertribal Council of Arizona and to the National Congress of American Indians.

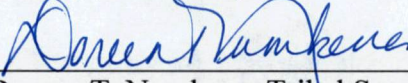
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and to speak on its behalf.

The foregoing resolution was on May 03, 2017 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ONE 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

5-18-17
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

5-18-17
Date