



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Suspending Radio Moratorium as to Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman for Public Announcements Related to the Corona Virus Outbreak)

- 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 “To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and
- WHEREAS,** By Resolution No. 11-2019-230, the Tribal Council imposed a temporary moratorium whereby no Tribal Council members, including Chairwoman 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; and
- WHEREAS,** On March 12, 2020, Chairwoman Lee-Gatewood declared a state of emergency on account of the Covid-19 virus, commonly referred to as the “Corona Virus”, which declaration sets certain emergency procedures in motion; and
- WHEREAS,** Under its emergency protocols, the Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman are delegated as the Public Information Officers for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Because of Resolution No. 11-2019-230, the Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman are prohibited from appearing on KNNB and fulfilling their PIO duties, which impedes the Tribe’s emergency response efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that suspending the radio moratorium as to Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman for public announcements related to the Corona Virus outbreak, until such time that the state of emergency is declared abated or the election is completed, is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Given the urgent need to respond to this situation, the Council further finds that this Resolution needs to be considered outside of the Council’s regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The 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

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member is against this Resolution, and (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.

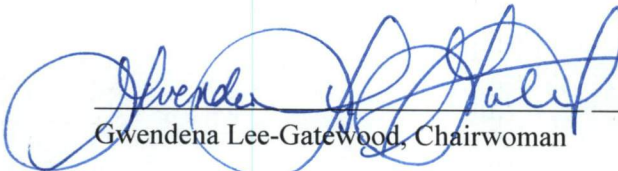
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby suspends the radio moratorium as to Chairwoman and Vice-Chairman for public announcements related to the Corona Virus outbreak, until such time that the state of emergency is declared abated or the election is completed.

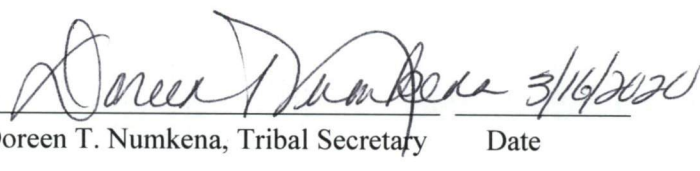
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures from members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, and (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 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 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 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 **MARCH 14, 2020** 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

 3/14/2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 3/16/2020
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date

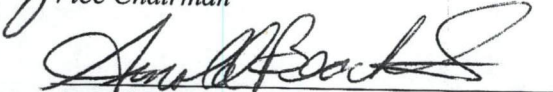

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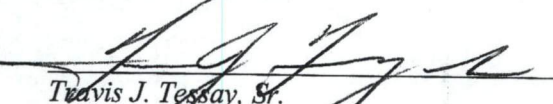

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution
Initiated the 14th day of March, 2020.

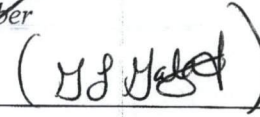
Presented Personally by Tribal Council
Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials




Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Tribal Chairwoman
3.14.20
Date Signed
 TCS Initials


Jerome Kasey III
Vice Chairman
14 MAR 20
Date Signed
 TCS Initials




Arnold Beach, Sr.
District I Council Member
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Date Signed
 TCS Initials


Travis J. Tessay, Sr.
District I Council Member
March 14, 2020
Date Signed
 TCS Initials



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Jerold Altaha
District II Council Member
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Renaldo Dazen
District II Council Member
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Ralph Thomas
District III Council Member
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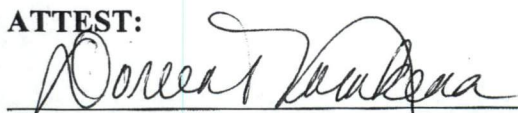

Arvin DeClay, Sr.
District III Council Member
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Gary Alchesay
District IV Council Member
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Alvena Bush
District IV Council Member
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Everett Massey
District IV Council Member
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ATTEST:


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary

3-16-2020
Date Signed