



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Endorsing Christopher A. Bender for Gila County Sheriff)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation 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, Portions of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are within Gila County; and

WHEREAS, Christopher A. Bender, a candidate for Gila County Sheriff, this day, addressed the Council seeking the Tribe’s endorsement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bender is married to a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and is familiar with Apache culture and law enforcement on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that Mr. Bender is a good candidate for Gila County Sheriff and that endorsing him 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 the Tribe hereby endorses Christopher A. Bender for the office of Gila County Sheriff, and encourages its members who live in Gila County to vote.

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 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for, ZERO 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

Resolution No. 09-2020-206

ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

9/3/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

9-3-2020

Date