



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Tribal Gaming Commissioners)

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

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Gaming Code, at Section 2.010 provides for a Tribal Gaming Commission with staggered terms, appointed by a majority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Gaming Commission is entrusted with responsibility of ensuring that the White Mountain Apache Tribe’s gaming operations are conducted in accordance with Tribal Law, Federal Law, and the terms of the compact with the State of Arizona while protecting tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, The Council wishes to take all steps necessary to protect the Tribe’s gaming assets, including assuring that the Gaming Commission operates to the highest level of efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The Council, at this time, finds that appointing or reaffirming the appointments of the following individuals to the Tribal Gaming Commission is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members:

- Ronnie Peaches;
- Berlinda Bones;
- Mary Jo Phyle;
- Colleen Faden;
- Cheyenne Burnette;
- Vino Burnette Sr.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Berlinda Bones and Cheyenne Burnette to new three-year terms, effective immediately, and reaffirms the appointments of incumbent members Ronnie Peaches, Mary Jo Phyle, Colleen Faden, and Vino Burnette Sr. to serve the remainders of their current terms or to continue to serve until subsequent Council action, as members of the Tribal Gaming Commission.

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

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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 MAY 23, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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 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
White Mountain Apache Tribe

6/3/2022

Date

Vaneysa Johnson

Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

6/3/2022

Date