



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Approving Membership in the Indian Gaming Association)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe” or “WMAT”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power to “act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe,” and further in Article IV, Section 1(i), “[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe”; and

**WHEREAS,** Gaming is a vital economic enterprise of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Council recognizes the importance of participating in state-wide and national Indian gaming organizations to protect and advance Indian gaming; and

**WHEREAS,** The Indian Gaming Association (“IGA”), formerly known as the National Indian Gaming Association, is an inter-tribal association of federally recognized tribes, communities, rancherias, colonies, pueblos, bands, nations, or other federally recognized tribal groups or communities of Indians; and

**WHEREAS,** The primary purposes of IGA are:

1. To promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare and interest of Indian gaming tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming activities in Indian Country;
2. To assist in the dissemination of information to the Indian gaming community, federal government, and the general public on issues related to the conduct of gaming in Indian Country;
3. To preserve and protect the integrity of gaming in Indian Country;
4. To maintain, protect, and advocate Indian tribal sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe meets all the requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Part 5, “Classes Qualifications, and Rights of Membership,” of the IGA Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe has continually been an active member of the National Indian Gaming Association, now known as the Indian Gaming Association, and the Council recognizes the value of continued membership for the year 2023 and beyond.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves continual membership in the Indian Gaming Association and authorizes the payment of 2023 dues for Indian Gaming Association Tribal Membership in the amount of \$7,500.00.

***Resolution No. 04-2023-95***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following delegates and alternate delegate(s) as the Tribe's representative to the Indian Gaming Association:



**Delegate:** Chairman Kasey Velasquez

**Alternate(s):** Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey III  
Councilman Arnold Beach

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the above appointments will remain effective for 2023 and/or until replaced by the Council resolution.

**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 **APRIL 12, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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).

	<u>4.14.23</u>		<u>4/14/23</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date