



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Land Restoration Board Member)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("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, Section 3.1 of the Tribe's Land Restoration Code establishes a Tribal Land Restoration Board consisting of seven (7) members, including one member to be a Tribal member elder who is recognized as a knowledgeable authority on traditional Apache cultural practices, especially as those practices relate to care for the Tribe's land; and

WHEREAS, There is a vacancy currently on the Land Restoration Board and it has been recommended that Rowena Cooya, be appointed to fill that position; and

WHEREAS, The Council concurs with the recommendation to appoint Rowena Cooya as the Elderly Representative for the Land Restoration Board and determines it to be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Rowena Cooya to serve as the Elderly Representative on the Land Restoration Board for a term of one, two, or three years to be determined at an official Land Restoration Board meeting.

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 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 JULY 10, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ONE 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 7-10-24
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 7/10/2024
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date