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Ms. Marilyn Malerba
Chairwoman
Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
C/o Self-Governance Communication & Education
P.O. Box 1734
McAlester, OK 74502

RADM Michael Weahkee
Acting Director
Indian Health Service
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Rockville, MD 20857

RE: Nomination to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee

Dear Chairwoman Malerba and RADM Weahkee:

The Phoenix Area Tribal Self-Governance Tribes met on September 7, 2018, and nominated Mr. Joey Whitman, Councilman, Gila River Indian Community, to represent the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service as the Primary Representative on the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee.

Below is the contact information for Councilman Joey Whitman:

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I have also enclosed the nomination letter from Mr. Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community.

Thank you for your support of the tribal leaders and other designated tribal officials serving on the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee of the Indian Health Service.

If further information is needed, please contact me at (602) 364-5039 or by email at ty.reidhead@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles Ty Reidhead, M.D., M.P.H.
RADM, U.S. Public Health Service
Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation
Ms. Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self Governance, IHS
Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

COUNCILMAN JOEY WHITMAN

Councilman Joey Whitman is seeking to serve on the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. Councilman Whitman recognizes the need to make sure all Phoenix Area tribes are represented (UT, NV and AZ) and is committed to gathering input, keeping tribes informed, and advocating for self-governance tribes.

Councilman Whitman currently represents District One of the Gila River Indian Community. He is in the first year of his second three-year term.

Councilman Whitman serves as the Chair of the Community's Health and Social Standing Committee and has been a member of this Committee for four years. The Health and Social Standing Committee provides oversight regarding health and social services on the Gila River Indian Reservation. In this capacity, Councilman Whitman hears reports and data regarding health and social issues, provides advice and direction to the Gila River Indian Community Council regarding health and social services matters, and works on compacting, self-governance and funding matters.

Councilman Whitman also serves on the Community's Research Review Committee (RRC) which reviews and approves/disapproves health research issues within the Gila River Indian Reservation. The RRC acts as the Community's Internal Review Board (IRB). Councilman Whitman has served on the RRC for four years.

Councilman Whitman also serves on the Community's Employee Benefits Trust Board (EBT). The EBT oversees the Community's health care insurance and benefits policies. Councilman Whitman has served on the EBT for three years.

Councilman Whitman is a United States Veteran.

The Gila River Indian Community has a long tradition with self-governance and in advocating for federal trust responsibility, improved funding, and greater input for tribal governments. Councilman Whitman is a key figure in these efforts.