

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Juvenile Judge Lesta Cromwell Appointment and Associate Judge Jefferson Cheney Appointment)

- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Juvenile Judge position for the White Mountain Apache Juvenile Court and an Associate Judge position for the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court are currently vacant; and
- WHEREAS, Lesta Cromwell, Tribal member, has been nominated to fill the vacancy for the Juvenile Judge and Jefferson Cheney, Tribal member, has been nominated to fill the vacancy for the Associate Judge; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to appoint Lesta Cromwell to serve as the Juvenile Judge for a four year term and Jefferson Cheney to serve as the Associate Judge for a four year term.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Lesta Cromwell to serve as the Juvenile Judge for a four year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints and Jefferson Cheney to serve as the Associate Judge for a four year term.

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.

Resolution No. <u>08-2018-170</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 1, 2018</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>ELEVEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

12/14/18

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date