



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Endorsing Hon. Robert “Bob” Higgins for Reelection to the Navajo County Superior Court)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian 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, Navajo County Presiding Judge Robert Higgins addressed the Council, this day, and sought the Tribe’s endorsement of his reelection bid; and

WHEREAS, Judge Higgins has extensive legal experience, including his work as a criminal prosecutor and as a trial attorney in private practice, and now a superior court judge for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Higgins was recently reappointed by the Chief Judge of the Arizona Supreme Court to continues to serve as Presiding Judge of the Navajo County Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Higgins has many long and close ties to the Tribe’s community, as the former school attorney for Theodore Roosevelt School, through his involvement with the St. Francis parish, and through his work to start and develop the St. Anthony School in Show Low and to enroll members of the Tribe in school programs; and

WHEREAS, These activities reflect genuine respect for the Tribe and its members, and they give an understanding and appreciation for the Tribe as a separate sovereign; and

WHEREAS, The Council has considered Judge Higgins’ request and finds that he is qualified to continue to serve as a Navajo County Superior Court Judge.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe hereby endorses Hon. Robert Higgins for reelection to a four-year term as a Navajo County Superior Court Judge, and encourages voters to select him in both the August 4, 2020 primary election and the November 6, 2020 general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe encourages its members and all citizens to participate in the primary and general elections to make their voices heard.


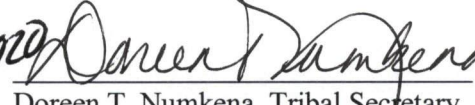
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues 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.

The foregoing resolution was on **JULY 22, 2020** 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).

	
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
Date	Date
8/18/2020	8-19-2020