

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Appointing Vania L. Gushoney as Juvenile Judge)

- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(q) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache India Reservation ("Constitution"), the Tribal shall exercise the power "To enact ordinances establishing and governing tribal courts..."; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council did enact the Tribe's Judicial Code, Section 2.9 of which provides that Juvenile Court Judge shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Tribal Council; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Juvenile Judge position is currently vacant as a result of the death of Judge Dorothy Ethelbah-Tyler; and
- WHEREAS, Vania L. Gushoney, a Tribal member, has been nominated to fill the vacancy for the Juvenile Judge; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council finds that Mrs. Gushoney meets all of the requirements for judges contained in Section 2.10 of the Judicial Code, and that it in the best interest of the Tribe to appoint her to serve as the Juvenile Judge.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Vania L. Gushoney to serve as the Juvenile Court 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.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JANUARY 27, 2021</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 underthe enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so

Resolution No. <u>01-2021-09</u>

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!

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date