



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Stating the Intention to Begin the Process of Nominating and Appointing an Additional Juvenile Court Judge)

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Judicial Code provides at Section 2.8(C) that the Juvenile Court shall be composed of one Juvenile Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2021, via Resolution No. 01-2021-09, Judge Vania Gushoney was appointed to serve a four-year term as the Juvenile Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Because of her workload and educational commitments, Judge Gushoney has requested that the Tribal Council appoint an additional Juvenile Court judge to assist with the Court's cases; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council, this day, finds that appointing another judge to serve on the Tribe's Juvenile Court will aid in the administration of justice in the Juvenile Court, and is 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 states its intention to nominate and appoint an additional judge to the White Mountain Apache Juvenile Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Court is instructed to identify funds in its budget to pay for that position, and to establish an appropriate salary therefore.

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 **MAY 3, 2023** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** for, **ZERO** 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 5/25/2023 Vaneysa Johnson 5/25/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date