RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Clifford Wolf Black, Sr. to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court)

RESOLUTION NO. 19-409

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to appoint judges to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court pursuant to the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, which states, "[t]he Tohono O'odham Courts shall be courts of record and shall consist of at least six (6) judges appointed by the Tohono O'odham Council." (Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution requires the judges' terms to be staggered so that two judges shall be appointed every other year (Constitution, Article VIII, Section 4); and

WHEREAS, 6 Tohono O'odham Code, Chapter 1 – Courts and Procedures, provides in part that trial court judges shall serve six-year terms, provided that an appointment to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of a term shall be made only for the remaining balance of that term (Section 1103(A)); and

WHEREAS, there are currently two vacancies on the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court with terms expiring January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, candidate Clifford Wolf Black, Sr., is an enrolled member of the Nation with a bachelor's degree and six years of work experience and training in a judicial or law-related field; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary Committee, having legislative oversight of matters pertaining to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court, has reviewed candidate Clifford Wolf Black, Sr.'s application packet and background information, and has interviewed Mr. Wolf Black and recommends his appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has likewise interviewed and considered the judicial candidate appearing before the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it appoints Clifford Wolf Black, Sr. as a Tohono O'odham Judicial Court judge for a term beginning on the effective date of this resolution and ending January 31, 2025, provided that Clifford Wolf Black, Sr. shall continue in office until a successor is appointed and sworn in if he satisfies the requirements of Section 1103(C)(2)(3).

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2019 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,839.2 FOR; 1,336.5 AGAINST; 0- NOT VOTING; and 02 ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
18 day of October, 2019

ATTEND:

Ilvonnc Wilson, Legislative Secretary
19 day of October, 2019

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18 day of October, 2019 at 2:27 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

[ ] APPROVED on the 19 day of October, 2019
[ ] DISAPPROVED at 11:55 o'clock, a.m.

NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of October, 2019, at 8:42 o'clock, a.m.

Ilvonnc Wilson, Legislative Secretary
**RESOLUTION NO. 19-409**

**ACTION:** APPOINTING CLIFFORD WOLF BLACK, SR. TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM JUDICIAL COURT

**MOVED:** COUNCILWOMAN MONICA K. MORGAN

**SECOND:** COUNCILWOMAN EVELY JUAN MANUEL

**DATE:** OCTOBER 17, 2019

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