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Honorable James W. Hardesty
Chief Justice, Nevada Supreme Court
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Dear Honorable Justice Hardesty,

I write to you on behalf of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. ("ITCN"), a nonprofit tribal organization formed under the laws of the State of Nevada on February 23, 1966. The ITCN operates for the benefit of its twenty-seven (27) Member Tribes and their people, and its Board of Directors is comprised of one elected representative from each of its twenty-seven Member Tribes. Among other interests, the ITCN has a continuing interest in securing for its members the rights and benefits which should accrue to them, including all legal, moral and equitable commitments and undertakings to their Indian people by government.

The ITCN was made aware of your February 8, 2021, Petition to the Nevada Supreme Court (ADKT-576) requesting approval to convene a Commission to consider the designation of duly trained district judges in Nevada to serve specifically on water cases throughout Nevada. Your Petition included a long list of potential groups, entities and industries that you believe should comprise the membership of the Commission. Unfortunately, the list of potential membership for the Commission neglected to include Tribal Nations within Nevada.

The 27 Tribal Nations within Nevada have specialized interests and perspectives regarding in the adjudication of water cases because of their unique position vis a vis the State of Nevada and other water users within Nevada. For example, the doctrine of federal reserved water rights applies uniquely to Tribes, and no other prospective member of the Commission listed in your Petition is capable of holding such reserved water rights.

Therefore, on behalf of the ITCN's Tribal Nation members, I formally request that you consider appointing one or more representatives of the ITCN to participate in the Commission to represent and discuss Tribal interests in your important endeavor.

Deserea Quintana
 Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.