

**RESOLUTION NO. 829**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN ADAMS TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

WHEREAS, since 2011, the City has contracted with the City of Lakewood through an interlocal agreement for municipal court services, including judicial services; and

WHEREAS, under the interlocal agreement, the City retains the ability to appoint its own judge to hear cases for University Place; and

WHEREAS, under state law, the municipal judge must be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Grant Blinn has been the municipal judge for the City since January 1, 2014, but he has been elected to the Pierce County Superior Court, leaving a vacancy to be filled for U.P. Municipal Court for his term ending December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, City staff has participated with the City of Lakewood legal and court staff on the interview panel to interview the finalists; and

WHEREAS, applicant Susan Adams, a former trial attorney in the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, an experienced Pro Tem Judge, and who has served as the Director of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center since its formation in 2005, was selected as the top candidate by the interview panel; and

WHEREAS, Susan Adams was rated "Well Qualified" by the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Judicial Evaluations Committee; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the interview panel, the City of Lakewood City Manager has appointed Susan Adams as its Municipal Court Judge, subject to confirmation by the Lakewood City Council; and

WHEREAS, at its January 23, 2017 Special Meeting, the Lakewood City Council confirmed the appointment of Susan Adams as its Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the interview panel, the City Manager of the City of University Place has appointed Susan Adams as its Municipal Court Judge, subject to confirmation by the University Place City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, being fully apprised in the process and the qualifications of the appointee Susan Adams, desires to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Susan Adams as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of University Place to fill the unexpired Municipal Court Judge term ending December 31, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council confirms the appointment of Susan Adams as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of University Place to fill the unexpired Municipal Court Judge term ending December 31, 2017.

Section 2. Incorporation of recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated as findings in this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

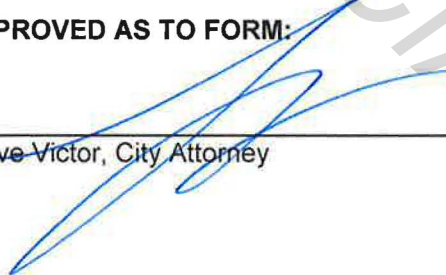
**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017.**

  
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Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Steve Victor, City Attorney

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