RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

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WHEREAS, in counties in this State which have a population of less than thirty thousand (30,000), according to the latest official federal census, the Board of County Commissioners may establish a County Court in their county by the adoption of a resolution establishing the same; and

WHEREAS, the judicial salaries, salaries of the clerical staff, supplies, operating costs, jury and witness expenses and other expenses of the County Court may be paid by the State; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the State financing of a County Court pursuant to law shall be the first day of the next biennial fiscal period unless otherwise authorized by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, in any county in which a County Court is established, the County Court shall supplant and replace the Justice of the Peace Courts of the county and shall exercise the jurisdiction previously exercised by the Justice of the Peace Courts; and

WHEREAS, the legislature shall from time to time authorize the number and location of County Court judges; and

WHEREAS, the term of the existing Justice of the Peace shall expire on the first Monday in January, 1999, and the position is up for election for the next term; and

WHEREAS, it would be of benefit to the people of Weston County if the Board of County Commissioners resolved to create a County Court for Weston County if the State of Wyoming paid for all of the salaries, costs and expenses of a County Court; and

WHEREAS, some uncertainty exists as to whether the State legislature will fund the County Court; and

WHEREAS, Weston County would not object to sharing a County Court Judge with Crook County, Wyoming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING:

- 1. There is hereby established a County Court in Weston County, Wyoming, to be commenced on the first Tuesday in January, 1999.
- 2. The establishment of a County Court in Weston County, Wyoming, is specifically contingent upon the State of Wyoming funding the County Court in Weston County, Wyoming. If the State of Wyoming fails to provide complete funding for the County Court in Weston County, Wyoming, either initially or at any time in the future, then the Board of County Commissioners may rescind this resolution and revert to a Justice of the Peace Court for Weston County, Wyoming and/or exercise any other options it may have.
- 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Wyoming, with the director of the State Department of Audit, and with the Clerk of the District Court of Weston County, Wyoming.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1998

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

By:

Ted M. Elliott, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Weston County, Wyoming

Attest:

Paulette Thompson
Weston County Clerk