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### **GILA RIVER HOLDS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, CHIEF JUDGE AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES**

**Sacaton, Arizona** – Today, a swearing-in ceremony was held to administer the Oath of Office to Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Chief Judge Joseph Manuel, and Associate Judges Sherri Cassa, Charles Aragon, Janice Breckenridge, and Anthony Hill.

The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Governance Center and broadcast on Gila River Broadcasting so the ceremony could be held in accordance with the Community's coronavirus restrictions.

The swearing-in marks the beginning of Governor Stephen Roe Lewis' third term as Governor of the Community, and Lt. Governor Monica Antone's return as Lt. Governor, a position she previously held from 2015 to 2017.

Judge Pedro administered the Oath of Office to Chief Judge Joseph Manuel who then administered the oath to Governor Lewis, Lt. Governor Antone, and the Associate Judges.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, Governor Lewis remarked, "I am humbled by the confidence the Community has shown in re-electing me to be Governor of the Community, especially during this time of unprecedented crisis. I look forward to working with Lt. Governor Antone and the Community Council as we see our way through the pandemic while continuing our work on the long-term goals of the Community."

Lt. Governor Antone stated, "I am pleased to be able to again serve the Community as Lt. Governor and look forward to carrying out the priorities and goals of the Community during my tenure."

A virtual Inauguration will be broadcast by Gila River Broadcasting at noon on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and rebroadcast at 6:00 p.m.

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*Gila River Indian Community located on 372,000 acres in south-central Arizona and home to the indigenous O'odham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa) people. The Tribe is comprised of seven districts, the administrative offices and departments are located in Sacaton, and serve the people throughout these seven community districts. 100% of its profits from gaming and 17 other Enterprises are utilized by the community providing services and opportunities to achieve the highest quality of life.*