RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is vitally involved in protecting all natural resources of the White Moutnain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, tribal water resource is imminently threatened with non-Indian confiscation, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges that appropriate and expert legal representation is necessary to protect the tribe's water resources, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has extensively considered the employment of such legal counsel for the purpose of defending litigation pending against the Tribe in the State of Arizona Land Department, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Mr. William Veeder is an extremely well-qualified and competent legal representative who may handle said legal matters in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby directs that Mr. William Veeder be employed as a legal counsel to the tribe in all matters relating to the pending proceedings to determine tribal water rights before the State of Arizona Land Department or such other tribunal as may be deemed necessary to protect the tribe's water resources.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to make application for funding of such legal counsel under Public Law 93-638, to negotiate the terms and conditions thereof and to execute any and all documents necessary to fulfill the purposes of this resolution.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council strongly urges the fullest cooperation and support of all federal officials, particularly, those of the federal trustee, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in fulfilling the requests and purposes of this resolution on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on February 13, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f) and (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Chairman of the Iribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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