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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been fully advised in the matter of a child custody proceedings involving tribal members, Morley and Lorraine Cromwell and their minor son, Keith, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned that this proceeding has been pending for an unreasonable period of time, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the parents and the minor child that immediate action be taken on this matter, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is interested in preserving all family units of the tribal members by keeping parents and their children together, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it reasonable that any proceeding of this nature in the Tribal Court should be presided on by an Apache speaking Judge for the benefit of tribal members.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney to immediately take all such actions as is necessary and appropriate at preserving the unity of the Cromwell family including their minor son. Keith.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby directs that the Tribal Court of the White Mountain Apache Tribe provide an Apache speaking Judge to preside over cases involving tribal members, including the presently pending case of Morley and Lorraine Cromwell.

The foregoing resolution was on June 20, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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 (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 Fribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council