

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

- the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe WHEREAS, is empowered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to represent the Tribe and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, and to protect and preserve the wildlife, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe by whatever means the Tribal Council deems necessary, including by accomplished through the employment of legal counsel selected by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously retained and employed William H. Veeder, Esq. as legal counsel to the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to two contracts referred to as the "Claims Attorney Contract" and the "Special Counsel Attorney Contract", and those contracts have now expired; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Veeder has appeared before the Tribal Council and has outlined for Council review the status of the Tribe's 22-H proceeding as it is now pending before the United States Claims Court, and in which proceeding Mr. Veeder is authorized to represent the Tribe pursuant to the "Claims Attorney Contract"; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Veeder has also completely reviewed with the Tribe the status of the Tribe's claim for certain reserved water rights, which rights are the subject of litigation filed by the State of Arizona and now pending in the Maricopa County Superior Court under the caption W-1 Proceedings, and wherein the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been named a party, and in reference to which Mr. Veeder has been appointed the Tribe's legal counsel pursuant to the Special Council Attorney Contract, and to serve as legal counsel in other matters which the Tribe may, from time-to-time assign Mr. Veeder, and said contract has now expired; and
- WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Tribal Council that the status of those matters for which Mr. Veeder represents the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to the Claims Attorney Contract and the Special Counsel Attorney Contract are at a crucial stage in their development and status and require the continuing close attention of Mr. Veeder in order that those matters might be resolved in a manner most favorable to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and it is the

opinion of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that the Claims Attorney Contract and the Special Counsel Attorney Contract between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Mr. William H. Veeder should be renewed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Claims Attorney Contract between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Mr. William H. Veeder, Esq., is hereby renewed for a period of three (3) years commencing June 1, 1988 and according to the same terms and conditions as existed in the prior contract which has most recently expired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Counsel Attorney Contract between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Mr. William H. Veeder, Esq., is hereby renewed for a period of three (3) years commencing June 1, 1988 according to the same terms and conditions as existed in the prior contract which has most recently expired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is authorized to execute said contracts and to administer the contracts in accordance with existing policies of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and to do all things necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on November 23, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a), (b), (d), and (f) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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 Tribal Council

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