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

- WHEREAS, Mr. Gus Quintero, tribal member and former long time employee of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, has come before the Tribal Council to discuss his concerns arising out of his early retirement from the White Mountain Apache Tribe due to health reasons; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Quintero informs the Tribal Council that he is receiving only \$199.00 per month as full payment of his retirement benefits arising out of the former retirement plan of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, which was administered by the Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Quintero's primary concern is directed at why he is not receiving a larger benefit after so many years of employment with the Tribe and participation in the plan; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Quintero has been informed that the Tribe has recently adopted a new retirement plan for the benefit of tribal employees, but for which he does not qualify because he is no longer an employee of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and retired prior to its inception; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Quintero advises the Tribal Council that he is suffering economic hardship because of his inability to return to the workforce due to health reasons, and because of the exceptionally small amount of his retirement benefit paid by the former retirement plan; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Quintero has requested the assistance of the Tribal Council in finding answers to his questions concerning the payment of retirement benefits, and has requested financial assistance;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney's Office to inquire into the matter concerning Mr. Quintero's receipt of retirement benefits, determine what Mr. Quintero's options are under the former plan, summarize these findings in a report to the Tribal Chairman, and to do the same for all other retirees of the White Mountain Apache Tribe who have been forced to retire early due to disability reasons.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is authorized to render financial assistance to Mr. Quintero from whatever funds are available in financial accounts to the Chairman.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 7, 1989</u>, 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), (h), (i) 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.-

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