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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney advises the Tribal Council that professional land surveyor, Elmer M. Clark, has been working as an expert consultant in respect to researching and preparing various surveys and maps in support of the Tribe's claim for 16,000 acres erroneously placed within the National Forest under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture due to a survey error; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council entered into a contract with Mr. Clark October 25, 1993 which has been extended by the Tribal Council as needed in order to prepare Congressional legislation in support of the Tribe's recovery of said land; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that before the proposed Congressional legislation is finalized, specific excluded tracts of land that the proposed legislation will confirm as part of the Tribe's aboriginal title and tracts of the Tribe's aboriginal land which will be relinquished, if any, or proposed to be quit claimed or exchanged for other tracts of land that were not included in President Grant's November 9, 1871 and December 14, 1872 Executive Orders, that established the Tribe's Fort Apache Indian Reservation, must be finalized and researched; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clark estimates that his fees and expenses to complete field checks, update present maps and to revise the present legal descriptions or write additional legal descriptions for the proposed Congressional legislation will be approximately \$12,000; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that it would be in the best interest of the Tribe to approve said amount and to authorize the Tribal Chairman and, in his absence, the Vice Chairman, to enter into an addendum of the Expert Consultant Assistance Contract with Elmer M. Clark for the purposes described herein.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves an addendum to the original contract for employment of Elmer M. Clark, professional land surveyor, doing business as Geodetic Research, Inc., in the amount of \$12,000.00, in order to complete field checks, update present maps, and to revise the present legal descriptions, or write additional legal descriptions for the proposed Congressional legislation for the recovery of the Tribe's 16,000 acres.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and, in his absence the Vice Chairman, to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that Mr. Clark's Contract Addendum shall be from the 01 Central Tribe Account.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>July 10, 1996</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 IV, Section I (a), (i), (k), (o), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council