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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that Mhyretta Lawson, Realty Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, has retired; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized pursuant to it's inherent sovereign powers and those enumerated in Article IV, Section 1, of the Tribal Constitution, to veto the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, to manage all tribal lands, to regulate the uses and disposition of tribal property, to protect and preserve the natural resources, water rights, forests and lands and to provide by ordnance for the assignment and use of transfer of tribal lands within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Congress has established policies of tribal self-sufficiency, selfdetermination, and self-governance, and has embodied those principles in the Self-Determination Act; and
- WHEREAS, there can be no greater attribute of sovereignty than to manage and control tribal lands, including leasing thereof; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to enter into a one-year Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreement (IPA) for all real estate services currently provided by the Fort Apache Agency in furtherance of Congressional and Tribal policies and goals for self-determination and self-government, and a 638 contract for said services thereafter; and
- WHEREAS, it is recommended that Ruby Altaha, presently assigned to Tribal Revolving Credit, a wholly tribally funded program, be designed as the IPA Realty staff person; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further concludes that the vacancy created by the assignment of Ruby Altaha as the IPA Realty designee should be filled by the Tribal Chairman at the earliest convenience and that the Revolving Credit Office be relocated from the BIA Offices to Tribal Offices, as it is wholly tribally funded program.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and approves a one year IPA Agreement and thereafter a 638 contract for all real estate services presently being performed by the Fort Apache Agency and to obtain technical assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accomplish this purpose in the most expeditious manner possible.

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- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby appoints Tribal Member and Tribal Employee Ruby Altaha as the IPA designee to fill the real estate position, the budget for which to be jointly determined by the Tribal Chairman and Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that approval for this IPA is conditioned upon as a determination by the Tribal Chairman that the Agency has adequate funding for the IPA position.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to fill the vacancy in the Tribal Revolving Credit Office created by the reassignment of Ruby Altaha as the IPA designee to fill the Real Estate position now vacant at BIA, and further, that the Tribal Chairman take steps to relocate the Tribal Revolving Fund, presently located in BIA Offices, to Tribal Offices as soon as possible.
- **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 documents necessary to implement the IPA.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>July 10, 1996</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>seven</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 1 (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (h), (i), (m), (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council