

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

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe must engage in numerous data collection activities related to water resources and water rights litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the information gained from these activities is critical to the Tribe's capacity to manage its water resources and to protect its aboriginal water rights from adjudication in the Little Colorado and Gila River General Stream Adjudications; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities are strongly motivated by the Tribe's pressing need to protect and defend its aboriginal water rights from outside interests and to support its pending motions to dismiss and other litigation pleadings in the aforementioned stream adjudication; and

**WHEREAS**, these data collection activities are highly technical and require enormous human and material resources to carry out; and

**WHEREAS** the Tribe is willing to contribute \$65,700 in matching funds in the form of salaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America as the Tribe's trustee should contribute to the Tribe's efforts to protect and defend the Tribe's aboriginal water rights in the aforementioned General Stream Adjudications.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves, under authority of P.L. 93-638, the funding application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of land and Water Resources under the category of "Water Resources Planning, Management, and Pre-Development (340)" in the amount of \$277,271.42.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice Chairman is authorized to sign all documents related to this funding request.

**Resolution No. 08-97-260**

The foregoing resolution was on August 22, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero 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), (f), (i), (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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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council