

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

**WHEREAS,** David M. Osterfeld, attorney at law, has advised the Tribal Council that it is critical to the interests of the Tribe that it establish adequate funding for its Legal Department to operate as effective and ethical advisors to the Council and Tribal Departments and Enterprises; and

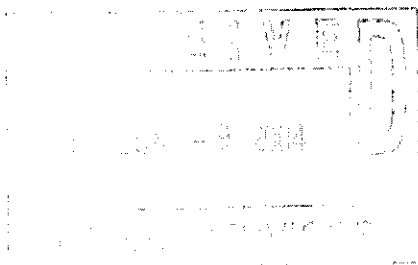
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council acknowledges that it is critical that the staff employed this day with the Legal Department feel secure in their continued employment and their ability to perform and offer ethical and independent legal advice to the Tribal Council; and

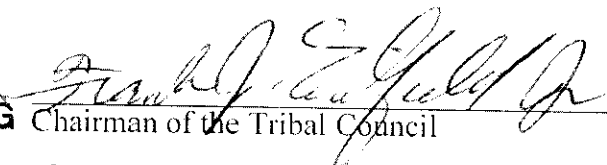
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council acknowledges that, as an essential office of the Tribe, the Legal Department must be exempt from any mandatory office closures and work hour reductions currently implemented and which may be implemented in the future; and

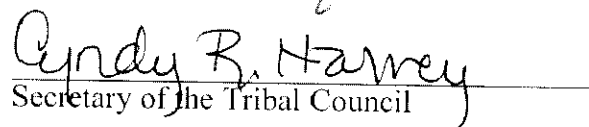
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Controller and Tribal Treasurer to ensure that sufficient funds are always maintained within the Tribe's operating accounts to adequately fund the budget of the Legal Department as approved each year through the Tribal Council, and that funding for the Legal Department budget shall have the highest priority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Legal Department and all of its staff and in-house attorneys shall be exempt from any current and future implemented work-hour reductions and mandatory office closures, to ensure that the legal interests of the Tribe are always protected, such exemption subject to any future revocation by Council Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on MAY 20, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for, ZERO against and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).



**ACTING**   
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council