

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

(Authorizing Attorney Contracts for the Purposes of Indian Child Welfare Act Case)

- WHEREAS,** the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) provides concurrent jurisdiction to tribal courts for issues involving children who are members of federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney has informed the Tribal Council of a number of ICWA cases involving White Mountain Apache children that exist in other states; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Legal Department already has a significant case load precluding regular representation of the Tribe's interest in ICWA cases; and
- WHEREAS,** timely filing of intervention petitions require associating with outside counsel who are licensed in those states; and
- WHEREAS,** there exist numerous law firms through the country that specialize in ICWA cases; and
- WHEREAS,** general authority to enter attorney contracts for the purposes of ICWA cases would greatly assist in prosecuting the Tribe's interest in ICWA cases as they arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The Legal Department is hereby authorized to identify and negotiate with those attorneys or law firms that may prosecute the Tribe's interests in ICWA cases as they arise, subject to available funds.
2. The Tribal Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is further authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.
3. Once retained, the Tribal attorney shall timely inform the members of the Council of the attorney or law firm retained.


The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 13, 2005 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council


Resolution No. 04-2005-119


Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. 04-2005-119 dated the 13th day of April 2005.



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Tribal Chairman
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE



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Vice Chairman
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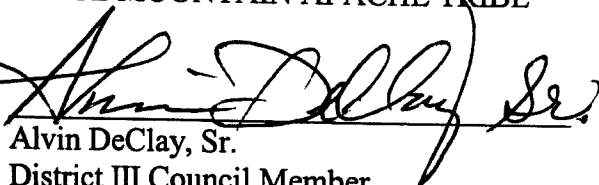

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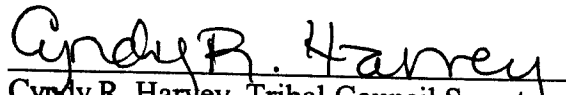

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