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

(Directing Enterprise Director to Seek Financing and Grants for Construction of New Shopping Center)

- WHEREAS, Mr. Ed Basha, owner and operator of the Basha's supermarket chain, did present a proposal for a new supermarket store; and
- WHEREAS, the lease for Mr. Basha's current supermarket store in Whiteriver is set to expire in approximately six years; and
- WHEREAS, according to Mr. Basha, the current store is inadequate for long-term growth; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Basha proposes that the Tribe finance the construction of a new supermarket store at a location mutually agreed to by the Tribe in the Whiteriver area, while Mr. Basha would expend funds for architectural and engineering requirements, inventory, equipment and fixtures; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Basha estimates that the total cost of the project would be approximately \$5 million, of which the cost of construction to the Tribe would amount to \$2.5 million; and
- WHEREAS, other Tribes have received grant funding for the construction of Basha's supermarkets; and
- WHEREAS, at this time the Tribe does not have sufficient capital to fund construction of a new supermarket complex; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Enterprise Director has responsibility for economic development.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Enterprise Director is hereby directed to seek appropriate financing and grants for the development and construction of a new supermarket and shopping complex suitable for the requirements of Basha's supermarket and others.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 3, 2005</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 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (k), (l), (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