

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

(Authorizing Payment of Legal Expenses for Victor Velasquez)

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Victor Velasquez did retain the firms of Bruce Fedor and Kutak Rock for the purpose of representing him with federal proceedings related to the Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority; and
- WHEREAS, the two law firms billed Mr. Velasquez \$30,896.39, which Mr. Velasquez certifies was paid out of is own personal funds; and
- WHEREAS, no criminal indictment has been filed against Mr. Velasquez, and none is expected; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Velasquez has this day requested that the Tribal Council indemnify him for legal expenses, which he has paid; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Mr. Velasquez should be indemnified for his legal expenses until such time as criminal charges may be filed, if at all, and that in the event such charges are filed, the Tribal Council shall reevaluate this authorization.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that:

- 1. A reimbursement payment of \$30,896.39 is hereby authorized to be made to Victor Velasquez for legal representation provided to him related to his work for the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority.
- 2. The Controller is hereby directed to make said payment from available funds, subject to an accounting provided by Mr. Velasquez of his legal bills and any payments that he may have made.
- 3. The authorization provided under this Resolution shall continue until such time that criminal charges or formal indictments may be issued, if at all applicable, at which time the Tribal Council will reevaluate the authorization.

The foregoing resolution was on April 25, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and FOUR against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (d), (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