

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

(Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. for participation in the Project known as Restoring Forests and Building Tribal Economies as Funded by the Ford Foundation and other groups)

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, 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, pursuant to Resolution No. 07-2007-262, the Tribal Council did approve the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, for participation in the Project known as Restoring Forests and Building Tribal Economies, a project funded in part by the Ford Foundation and Hewlett Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, the Project scope of work requires IDRS to work with five tribes for three years on a national pilot demonstration project to pursue contracting opportunities through the federal Forest Protection Act, P.L. 108-278 (118 Stat. 168, July 22, 2004), and develop forest resource related businesses; and
- WHEREAS, IDRS did this day present a draft MOU for consideration by the Tribal Council, which proposes that, in addition to the Project's general goals, IDRS specifically assist the Division of Natural Resources and Tribal Forestry with the development of a feasibility study of the economic viability of the McNary Greenhouse, including a business plan if viable, and the facilitation of the Tribe's development of stewardship contracting opportunities available pursuant to the federal Tribal Forest Protection Act; and
- WHEREAS, IDRS has informed the Tribal Council that, in addition to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, there are other Tribes that have been considered for inclusion in the Project, namely Klamath Tribes, Ramah Navajo, Grindstone Indian Rancheria, and a fifth remains to be selected; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the draft MOU to be in the best interest of the Tribe, its economic development efforts and the stewardship of the forest; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the draft MOU should include provisions for confidentiality for all information developed during the course of the project, no cost to the Tribe for any and all services provided by IDRS, the relationship between the parties, reporting on the progress of the Project, and liability, and that the Legal Department should negotiate said provisions such that the MOU remains consistent with the legal objectives for the Tribe's water rights and forest interests.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

- 1. A Memorandum of Understanding between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the IDRS is hereby approved, subject to the inclusion of provisions recommended herein and reviewed by the Tribe's Legal Department.
- 2. The Legal Department is further directed to ensure that the MOU remains consistent with the legal objectives for the Tribe's water rights and forest interests.
- 3. The Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources and Tribal Forestry are hereby directed to monitor IDRS's efforts on the Project and report regularly to the Tribal Council on the progress of the Project, together with IDRS as may be required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to review by the Tribe's Legal Department.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>August 8, 2007</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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), (f), (g), (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