

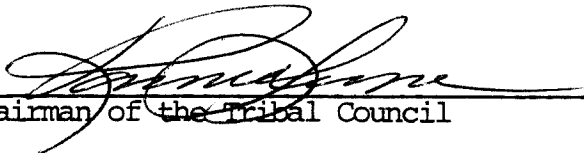
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, by previous resolution, the Tribal Council appointed Mr. William H. Veeder as Attorney of Record in Docket 22-H, entitled, White Mountain Apache Tribe vs. United States of America now pending in the United States Court of Claims in Washington, D. C., and
- WHEREAS, the Claims Contract did not provide for fixed rate for Attorney's fees which was wholly contingent, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. William H. Veeder has been forced to draw upon his personal bank account in order to finance the litigation of 22-H and can no longer do so, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Veeder does not desire to share in the proceeds of any judgment obtained in 22-H, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes upon a review of the attorneys available in the area of water rights and natural resources, that William H. Veeder, being a nationally known attorney in this area and being particularly familiar with the Government's mismanagement of the Tribe's natural resources, is an indispensable attorney to represent the Tribe in 22-H, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has further invested a considerable amount of money for expert witnesses under the supervision of William H. Veeder and that the experts depend upon direction from Mr. Veeder to continue their investigations of the Tribe's claims, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is also of the opinion that from a cost effective basis, it is wiser to pay Mr. Veeder an hourly rate of \$80.00 per hour with a ceiling of \$5,000.00 per month as a fixed rate under his Claims Attorney Contract rather than to offer a 10% contingency fee to him or any other Claims Attorney, and
- WHEREAS, the trial on 22-H is now set for October 6, 1984 and it would not be possible, practical or desirable to change attorneys at this time, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that it has a very good claim against the United States for mismanagement of its timber and grazing lands, said claims having been solely developed by Mr. William H. Veeder, as the prior Claims Attorneys, Weisbrodt & Weisbrodt, utterly failed to develop these extremely important aspects of the Tribe's claims.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney to amend the Claims Attorney Contract for Mr. Veeder to provide for a fixed rate for Attorney's fees in the amount of \$80.00 per hour with the ceiling of \$5,000.00 per month.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby grants authority to the Tribal Chairman to review the amendment to the Claims Attorney Contract and to sign the contract and any other documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that the effective date of this amendment shall be December 1, 1983 and that Mr. Veeder shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$80.00 per hour on Attorney's fees up to \$5,000.00 per month retroactive to December 1, 1983.

The foregoing resolution was on April 18, 1984 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i & d) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council

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