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

- WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosemary Altaha has come before the Tribal Council with a request that the Tribal Council aid her in obtaining assistance for her daughter who was a victim of a shooting incident last summer at the American Legion Benefit Dance in Whiteriver; and
- WHEREAS, she complains to the Tribal Council that the two men responsible for the shooting, both of whom are non-members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, were let off with nothing more than a conviction for disorderly conduct and that they have contributed no money or compensation to her daughter who has undergone a series of operations and will have to undergo more operations in the future to try to repair the damage caused by the shooting; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosemary Altaha further advises the Tribal Council that the U.S. Attorney's Office has turned down a Criminal Prosecution of the two men responsible for the shooting; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Altaha further explains that she has had difficulty in obtaining legal assistance to demand compensation for her daughter's injuries and to punish the wrongdoers; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney is requested by the Tribal Council, within the boundaries of the canons of ethics prohibiting an attorney from engaging in a conflict of interest with a client, to assist Mrs. Altaha and her daughter.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney to review the rejection by the U.S. Attorney's Office of a criminal prosecution of the two men who perpetrated the shooting of Mrs. Altaha's daughter, to investigate and review the circumstances surrounding the plea bargain whereby the two men responsible for the injury to her daughter were only charged with disorderly conduct and to investigate possible civil remedies available to Mrs. Altaha and her daughter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs the Tribal Attorney to report back to the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting his findings as requested herein.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6,1985, duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 1 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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 Pribal Council

Secretary of the Trypbal Council

