

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

- WHEREAS,** In response to a request by the White Mountain Apache Tribe; hydrologist Mike Watson of the firm WE, Inc. has made recommendations on funding for an adequate water supply for housing development along the northern boundary of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a great demand by Tribal Members for housing development along the northern boundary but there is a lack of funding for ground water development at those housing sites; and
- WHEREAS,** because housing sites in the Whiteriver area and along the Northfork at the Whiteriver are limited, the Tribal Council has responded to Tribal Member housing needs and has proposed the development of housing along the northern boundary of the reservation in the area south and west of Pinetop and Lakeside and that sources of water for such housing development in that area include the Volcanic and Coconino Aquifers; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Watson has suggested that the Tribe prepare a testimony to be submitted to the Congressional Water and Power Subcommittees on Appropriations for FY 1999 to fund said project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concurs with Mr. Watson's recommendation and concludes that Council authority should be granted to Mr. Watson to develop an analysis, plan and report to describe the project to the congressional delegation and appropriate staff members on the authorizing and appropriation committees, aspects thereof to be carefully coordinated and approved by the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Mike Watson of WE, Inc. to develop the analysis, plans and report for the funding of groundwater development for housing construction and community development along the northern boundary of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation prior to the deadline for testimony for FY 1999 funding.

**Resolution No. 09-97-298**

The foregoing resolution was on September 11, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (h), (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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council