

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

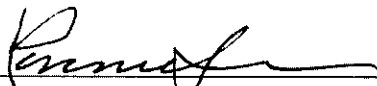
- WHEREAS,** the General Counsel contract between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Tribal Attorney Robert C. Brauchli provides that, as General Counsel, he may associate counsel for litigation and other specialized matters as the need arises with the approval of the Tribal Council and Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney requests authorization from the Tribal Council to enter into a special counsel contract with Charles M. Stringer to serve as special counsel for the Tribe for a period of not to exceed one year in ecosystem, Environmental Protection Act, environmental and forestry matters and such other related matters as the Tribal Attorney deems appropriate under the circumstances; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney advises the Tribal Council that monies already pre-budgeted by the Tribe are available to pay Mr. Stringer because his position will not be filled immediately and there are monies remaining in his position for fiscal year 97/98 and further that when the environmental attorney position is filled it will be for an amount less than that presently budgeted for Mr. Stringer; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney advises the Tribal Council that Mr. Stringer has done a considerable amount of work towards preparing an ecosystem code for the council's consideration and is working with the Tribal Planning and Engineering Department to finalize certain Environmental Protection Act, Water Quality Standards and other environmentally related projects with that department and in order not to slow progress in that area, the Tribal Attorney recommends that Mr. Stringer be placed on special counsel contract for a short period of time so that there is a smooth transition when the new environmental attorney is hired and that most likely the projects Mr. Stringer is preparing for the council and legal department will be completed within six (6) months but there may be some follow-up in transition work necessary for an additional six (6) months, all within the proposed budget of \$10,000 from the Tribe's legal budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney recommends that authorization be granted to execute the special counsel contract in the form and content attached hereto; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council approves the special counsel contract with Charles M. Stringer for the purposes set forth therein.

Resolution No. 12-97-370

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence the Vice Chairman and the Tribal Attorney to execute the attached special counsel contract with Charles M. Stringer to serve as special counsel for the Tribe in the area of ecosystem, Environmental Protection Act, environmental and forestry matters upon the request of Tribal Attorney Robert C. Brauchli.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes Chairman Ronnie Lupe, and in his absence Vice Chairman Lafe Altaha, and any other required Tribal Official or the Bureau of Indian Affairs to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on December 17, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of six 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), (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