

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe must engage in numerous data collection activities related to water resources and water rights litigation; and

WHEREAS, the information gained from these activities is critical to the Tribe's ongoing administration and management of its water resources and to protect its aboriginal water rights in the Little Colorado and Gila River General Stream Adjudications; and

WHEREAS, these activities are required by the Tribe to protect and defend its aboriginal water rights from outside interests and to support its pending motions to dismiss in both adjudications and proposed litigation to challenge the aforementioned stream adjudications; and

WHEREAS, these data collection activities are highly technical and require enormous human and material resources to carry out; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, as the Tribe's trustee, should contribute to the Tribe's efforts to protect and defend the Tribe's aboriginal water rights.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it has reviewed and hereby approves, under authority of P.L. 93-638, a funding application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Land and Water Resources under the category of "Water Resources Planning, Management, and Pre-Development (340)" in the amount of \$298,087, and under the category "Water Rights Litigation and Negotiation (344)" in the amount of \$818,774.

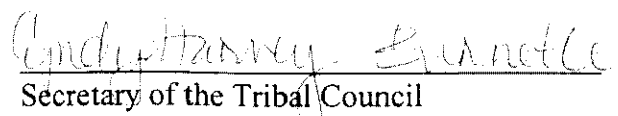
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribe is willing to contribute \$32,052 in matching funds in the form of salaries and equipment use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman, and in his absence the Vice Chairman, is authorized to sign all documents related to this funding request.

The foregoing resolution was on August 9, 1999 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), (b), (c), (f), (h), (j), (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