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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council previously authorized a Special Counsel Contract between Robert C. Brauchli, Attorney at Law, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe by and through Tribal Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr., acting for and behalf of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, said Contract commenced June 5, 1998 and terminates on June 5, 2001; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to said Special Counsel Contract, Robert C. Brauchli has provided legal services to the Tribe in the areas of gaming, water rights and related natural resource issues, tribal claims for damages against the Trustee United States in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims pertaining to the Fort Apache Historic District, and has upon request and direction from the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Attorney, represented the Tribe in other issues which affect tribal interests; and
- WHEREAS, Special Counsel Robert C. Brauchli worked closely with the Tribe's former water rights counsel, the late William H. Veeder, for many years and the Tribe wishes to maintain continuity with respect to the water rights strategy and goals outlined by Mr. Veeder; and
- WHEREAS, Current gaming compact negotiations, the Gila River and Little Colorado River Basin general stream adjudications, the pending Federal Circuit Court of Appeals litigation involving the Fort Apache Historic District as well as other assignments from the Tribal Attorney, require continuation of Mr. Brauchli's legal services; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council concludes that a Special Counsel Contract should be reauthorized for an additional three year term, so that Mr. Brauchli may continue to advise and otherwise represent the Tribe on the issues for which the initial Special Counsel Contract was authorized.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a Special Counsel Contract between Robert C. Brauchli and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to negotiate the final terms of the Special Counsel Contract between the Tribe and Robert C. Brauchli as Special Counsel to the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on May 17, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (s), (t) and (u) 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 Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council