

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recently learned that the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona will consider additional evidence which the Tribe can provide him illustrating that charges against Valinda Jo Elliott, and other responsible parties for the ignition and abandonment of the Chediski fire, are appropriate; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council believes that the services of skilled investigators are essential to the full exposition of the facts surrounding the presence of Valinda Jo Elliott and Ransford Olmsted within the Fort Apache Reservation and the ignition and abandonment of the Chediski fire; and

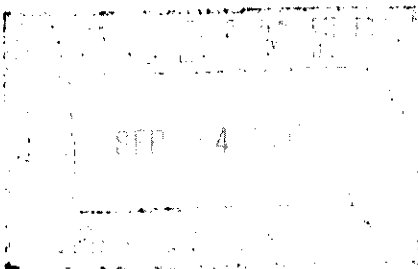
**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council agrees that funding for the services of such investigators should properly come from a portion of funds donated to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for its recovery from the wildfires.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the White Mountain Apache Tribe Legal Department to contract the services of professional investigators essential to a full exposition of the facts surrounding the ignition and abandonment of the Chediski fire on the Fort Apache Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Legal Department to negotiate a contract with skilled professional investigators as recommended herein and authorizes the signature of the Chairman, or in his absence the signature of the Vice Chairman, on all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Controller to reimburse, from appropriate donations provided the Tribe for its recovery from the recent wildfires, documented expenses which the Legal Department incurs for the services of professional skilled investigators described herein.

The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (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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ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council