

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney requests authorization from the Tribal Council for approval of Special Counsel Contract with Sylvia A. Cates to serve as Special Counsel for the Tribe in matters that impact upon natural resources, environmental, endangered species, and other matters, including water rights, as the Tribal Chairman or Tribal Attorney deem appropriate under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney advises the Tribal Council that monies have pre-budgeted for FY 2002/2003 to retain outside counsel to associate in specialized matters identified herein as the need arises; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia A. Cates has been serving the Tribe as Special Counsel under a contract which will expire soon; and

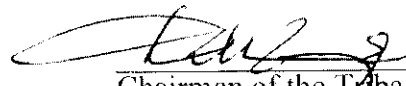
WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney requests that authorization be granted to the Tribal Chairman with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney to negotiate and approve the final terms of said Special Counsel Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs in the request made by the Tribal Attorney.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a Special Counsel Contract for a one-year term with Sylvia A. Cates to serve as special counsel for the Tribe in matters that impact natural resources, environmental resources, endangered species, water rights, and other matters as requested by the Tribal Chairman or Tribal Attorney, subject to final approval of contract terms by Tribal Chairman Dallas Massey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman and any other necessary Tribal official to execute any and all documents required to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on February 24, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for, ZERO against and ONE abstention 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

ACTING



Secretary of the Tribal Council