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

- WHEREAS, Article IV (q) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe provides that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power of establishing and governing Tribal courts; and
- WHEREAS, it is essential to the dignity of Tribal courts and the pursuit of justice in these courts that the lawyers and advocates who are admitted to the Bar of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court conduct themselves as Officers of the Court in accordance with the highest standards of professionalism and ethics; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the White Mountain Tribal Court has approved the RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT to govern all lawyers and advocates admitted to the Bar of the Court; and
- WHEREAS, the implementation and enforcement of these RULES would greatly increase the quality and fairness of the legal representation provided to Tribal members who have business in the Tribal Courts and for that reason, the Chief Judge requests their certification by the Tribal Council as duly enacted rules of the Tribal Court.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT shall now govern the conduct of all lawyers and advocates admitted to the Bar of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT shall be enforced in accordance with their terms by the Chief Judge of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 11, 2004</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council