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

- WHEREAS, Tribal Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr. has informed the Tribal Council that, while serving as Chairman, he may be required to attend court proceedings related to the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority; and
- WHEREAS, Chairman Massey requests that the Tribal Council authorize hiring a lawyer to assist the Chairman in court proceedings related to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Housing Authority; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is not certain at this time whether the proceedings will result in criminal indictments or convictions and believes that the Chairman (as the chief executive of the Tribe) should be represented legally until criminal charges are filed.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Chairman Massey's request to hire a lawyer to assist with his response to and appearance at proceedings in federal court related to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Housing Authority.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it finds that the Chairman, as the chief executive of the Tribe, should be represented in a court of law for pending court proceedings until such time that criminal charges or formal indictments may be issued, if at all applicable, at which time the Tribal Council will reevaluate this authorization.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the maximum amount of legal expenses authorized through this resolution shall be \$40,000.00 funds appropriated.

The foregoing resolution was on MAY 12, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</u> for and <u>TWO</u> against 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).

ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council