



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

(Approving Attorney Contract with A. Bennett Ritchie for the position of Tribal Attorney for the White Mountain Apache Tribe)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the power to employ legal counsel; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe did enter into a Agreement with A. Bennett Ritchie to act as Tribal Attorney; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairman of the Tribal Council has recommended to the Tribal Council that the Tribe's Agreement with A. Bennett Ritchie be renewed in order that Mr. Ritchie continue to be employed with the White Mountain Apache Tribe as Tribal Attorney; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ritchie is a member of the Federal Indian Bar Association, the Arizona Bar Association and the White Mountain Apache Tribe Bar Association in good standing, and is further licensed to practice before the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Attorney has provided the Tribal Council with a copy of his resume of education and work experience; and
- WHEREAS,** the matter of any merit increases should be reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee, for review by the Tribal Council and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ritchie should further provide the Budget and Finance Committee with justifications and responsibilities for additional positions, experts, and competitive salaries, in order to provide the necessary resources to more fully represent the Tribe's legal interests; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ritchie should further expand the current representation provided to the Tribe to include a concentration of staff in the areas of natural resources and governmental relations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that Mr. Ritchie is well qualified and should continue to act as the Tribal Attorney for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and that the Agreement referenced herein should be renewed for a period of one year, renewable for a maximum of three years.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. Mr. Ritchie's Agreement with the White Mountain Apache Tribe is hereby renewed for a period of one year, renewable for a maximum of three years.

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2. Mr. Ritchie is hereby directed to provide the Budget and Finance Committee with a revised budget as described herein for its review.
3. Mr. Ritchie is further directed to expand the current representation provided to the Tribe to include a concentration of staff in the areas of natural resources and governmental relations, and provide the Tribal Council with a report to that effect.
4. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 27, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the 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



Secretary of the Tribal Council