

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

(Approving Special Counsel Contract for Robert C. Brauchli)

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council on May 8, 2007, adopted Resolution No. 05-2007-189 approving a three (3) year Special Counsel Contract for Robert C. Brauchli, attorney at law, and said Special Counsel Contract expired on June 6, 2010; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the expired Special Counsel Contract, Robert C. Brauchli has provided legal representation to the Tribe in the areas of water rights and related natural resource issues, breach of trust claims against the United States, the Tribe's claim to 16,000 acres of land erroneously surveyed outside the Tribe's 1871 Executive Order Reservation boundaries by the federal government, the Phelps Dodge/Freeport Black River diversion dam trespass claim, federal appeals such as the Valinda Jo Elliott Tribal Court jurisdiction case, and on other legal matters as from time to time requested by the Tribe's Legal Department and by the Tribal Chairman on behalf of the Tribe; and
- **WHEREAS**, legal work assigned to Robert C. Brauchli as described herein is ongoing and of the utmost importance to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, attorney Robert C. Brauchli has provided legal representation to the White Mountain Apache Tribe since November 1980 as Tribal Attorney, General Counsel, and since 1998, as Special Counsel, the highlights of which are summarized in a Legal Report (1980-2010), distributed this date to the Tribal Council by Mr. Brauchli; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Brauchli advises the Tribal Council that, subject to Tribal Council approval, he wishes to continue to provide legal representation to the White Mountain Apache Tribe as described herein pursuant to the terms of the proposed Special Counsel Attorney Contract attached and incorporated by reference herein; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the Special Counsel Contract in the form and content attached hereto should be authorized and approved for a three (3) year term, subject to the thirty (30) day termination provision therein, so that Mr. Brauchli may continue to provide legal advice and representation to the Tribe on the matters identified in this Resolution and as assigned from time to time by the Tribe through the Tribal Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and authorizes a Special Counsel Contract, in the form and content attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference herein, between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and

Robert C. Brauchli, attorney at law, for the term June 6, 2010 through June 6, 2013, subject to the thirty (30) day termination provision therein, and hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, and in his absence, the Vice Chairman, to sign and execute the Special Counsel Contract between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Robert C. Brauchli, attorney at law, for the purposes contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 17</u>, <u>2010</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1(a), (i), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council