

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

- WHEREAS, the incidence of venereal disease among the White Mountain Apaches is a serious problem, and
- WHEREAS, the overall rate of venereal disease has increased 30% over the 1975 rate, and
- WHEREAS, the rate of venereal disease among children from 10 to 14 years of age has increased 140% over the 1975 rate for that group, and
- WHEREAS, the rate of venereal disease among persons from 25 to 44 years of age has increased 65% over the 1975 rate for that group, and
- WHEREAS, the age group 25-44 is the principle childbearing age, and the effect of gonorrhoea markedly decreases the chance of conception within that age group, and
- WHEREAS, a teenager's learning about venereal disease may prevent his or her contracting the disease at a later age.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this situation represents a serious and urgent health problem for the White Mountain Apaches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council makes a strong recommendation that all schools should include venereal disease education in their curricula.

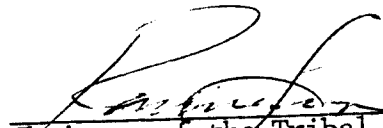
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council makes the following specific recommendations:

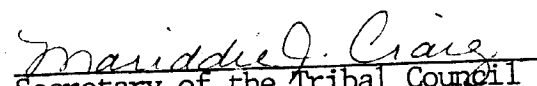
1. That the Tribal Health Authority, Community Health Representatives, Public Health Nurses, Police, Ministers, Counselors, Teachers, and other such Health and Welfare-related individuals should receive training on how to educate the general population on the subject of venereal diseases; such training as can be provided by Health Educators of the Office of Health, Education, of the Arizona Department of Health Services during the week of February 14, 1977, in Whiteriver.
2. That every effort should be made to deliver a mass community education program in order to educate the population to the serious nature of the problem, through:
 - a. Radio public service announcements in the Apache and English languages.
 - b. Printed media such as the "Apache Scout".
 - c. Community meetings.
 - d. The display of posters.
 - e. Other viable and community-acceptable means.

3. That the Public Health Service Hospital conduct a vigorous venereal disease screening and education process with every patient who comes to the Hospital on inpatient and outpatient basis.
4. That the Public Health Service Hospital's Health, Education Department assist in venereal disease programming activities such as in the development of written materials, workshops, films, and public service announcements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs that the Tribal Health, Education and Welfare Committee have overall responsibility for the coordination of venereal disease education programming and activities as herein delineated, as well as those venereal disease education and programming activities deemed necessary for the reduction of venereal disease rates on the White Mountain Apache Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on January 5, 1977, duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section(i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council