

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

WHEREAS, effective, acceptable, and quality health care must be the objectives of all health programs operating on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation under the authority of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, any health program whose operations are disruptive to the point of jeopardizing these goals as well as patient safety must be held accountable for reconciling these difficulties through whatever means necessary, and

WHEREAS, White Mountain Apache Tribal representatives have received and continue to receive reports and evidence of such disruption, disorganization, and disaffection concerning the U. S. Indian Health Service Whiteriver Service Unit from patients, Tribal members, Indian Health Service employees, and others, and

WHEREAS, efforts have been made in the past to remedy this situation through the Tribal Health, Education and Welfare Committee, the Tribal Health Advisory Board, the Whiteriver Service Unit, and the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service--all without marked success, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for this current intolerable state of affairs must rest with the administrative staff of the Whiteriver Service Unit.

BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council requests from the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, new administrative leadership for the Whiteriver Service Unit and; specifically, that those persons presently filling the positions of Service Unit Director, Administrative Officer, and Director of Nursing be transferred or replaced by individuals who can demonstrate to the Tribal Council and the White Mountain Apache people their ability to provide effective health care leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those technical/clinical areas of health care delivery in the Whiteriver Hospital which are currently inadequate and endangering patient safety--including but not limited to, the laboratory--be immediately staffed with qualified, trained personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe seek the support of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Advisory Board in this effort to take positive action toward improving health care on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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