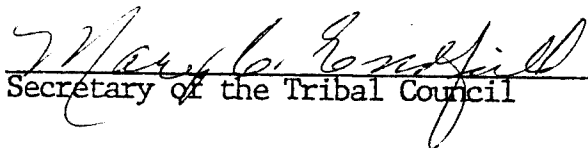


RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is acutely aware of health care problems on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, recognizes its ultimate responsibility and authority to insure that these problems are immediately resolved, and has set this task as a major tribal priority, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache people are in the process of developing effective community-based strategies to attack these health care problems through the mechanisms of the Health, Education and Welfare Committee of the Tribe, Tribal Health Advisory Board (Service Unit Advisory Board) and the Tribal Health Authority, and
- WHEREAS, the United States Government has the legal, moral, and ethical responsibility - charged by treaty obligation, executive agreement, and court action - to fund and provide basic health care services for American Indians, including the White Mountain Apache, through the agency of the Indian Health Service, and
- WHEREAS, it is clear that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council and the (Phoenix Area) Indian Health Service must cooperate closely and share mutual responsibility in this effort to resolve reservation health care problems, and
- WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that due to unexplained funding deficits, the Phoenix Indian Medical Center is curtailing basic and routine health care services, thus drastically affecting the care provided to Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit patients, and
- WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that the Whiteriver Service Unit is drastically understaffed in critical areas such as nursing, laboratory, and X-ray in relation to patient loads in other hospitals in the Phoenix Area and thus dangerously understaffed in relation to patient safety, and
- WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that the Whiteriver Service Unit cannot insure the continuation of routine patient referral and emergency flights from the reservation to Phoenix Indian Medical Center due to funding deficits.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this developing situation is outrageous, intolerable, and unacceptable.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up until now, the Tribal Council has been content to assume that Indian Health Service would rectify existing problems and that these would be corrected by cooperative effort without undue and/or extraordinary tribal action.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care conditions of the White Mountain Apache people and the responsiveness of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service to these problems have deteriorated so far that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council will immediately take whatever measures are appropriate - through courts of law or the public media - to insure basic and quality health care services for the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on June 1, 1977 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (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

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