

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

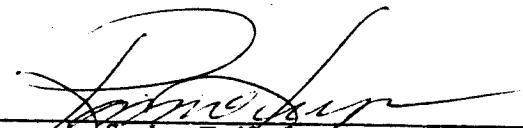
- WHEREAS, construction of the new Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital has now been totally funded and is due to be completed in November of 1978, and
- WHEREAS, 198 new permanent, full-time positions are planned and required to fully staff this comprehensive health facility on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, it is mandatory that the needed personnel positions be funded in order to provide the services for which the health facility was intended by Congress, and
- WHEREAS, the 80 units of staff housing originally requested as part of the hospital construction appropriation have not yet been funded, and
- WHEREAS, the number of currently existing temporary housing units owned and operated by Reservation agencies (Tribe, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Whiteriver School District) and those available in nearby off-Reservation communities is only about 15% of the total quarters needed, and
- WHEREAS, the nearest available permanent housing units (for individual purchase) are located in off-reservation communities twenty-five (25) miles from Whiteriver, and
- WHEREAS, the lack of staff housing is seriously jeopardizing the recruitment of off-Reservation professional staff, the hiring of local Apache personnel, and thus even the opening of the new Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital itself.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council request the Federal Government to make appropriations available for the eighty (80) staff housing units for the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital, under whatever funding mechanism necessary, in order that construction may begin immediately on this project.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Federal appropriations be requested to provide for hospital staff housing on a temporary (rental/lease) basis by November of 1978 and until permanent staff quarters can be constructed.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe will cooperate to the fullest possible extent to help solve this critical problem by pursuing the development of alternative temporary housing resources, including Tribal and individual-owner rentals and mobile home leases, until permanent government quarters become available for hospital staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Government provide the White Mountain Apache Tribe with a timetable designating the schedule by which additional hospital staff position appropriations will be made available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe seek assurances from the Federal Government that the new Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital will, upon completion of construction in November of 1978, not remain vacant or only partially operational due to staff and housing shortages, but will open its doors at that time as the comprehensive health facility so desperately needed by the White Mountain Apache people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman be authorized and directed to pursue this problem with the Congressional Delegation, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Office of Management and Budget in an intent to prevent the tribe having a completed hospital with inadequate housing and with inadequate staff for the successful operation.

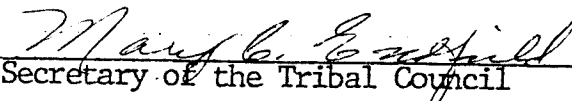
The foregoing resolution was on January 4, 1978 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 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

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