

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

- WHEREAS, the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe designates the Tribal Council as the sole governing body of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, one power vested in this governing body by the Constitution is to make business contracts and delegate administrative responsibility for these contracts to appropriate Tribal agencies and/or persons, and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Indian Health Service has signed a contract with the White Mountain Apache Tribe stating that the "...Tribal Health Authority ... (will) plan and administer health programs under Tribal auspices (p. 3, Contract No. 247-76-0326), and
- WHEREAS, recent administrative decisions from the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service (September 8, 1977 and October 11, 1977) are in direct conflict with the Constitutional authority of the Tribal Council and the aforementioned contract when said decisions disallowed administrative responsibility of the Tribal Health Authority for the management of the Tribal Health Careers and Emergency Medical Services Programs, and
- WHEREAS, administrative red-tape, disagreement, and confusion in the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service has postponed for at least a year the combining of the Tribal Health Authority contract with the Tribal Community Health Representative contract for the purpose of improved operations in both programs.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the new Tribal Health Authority Indian Health Service contract for the period March 1, 1978 to September 30, 1978, contain the following provision:

"Administrative Functions:

1. The Health Authority, in its management capacity as the Tribal Health Department, will assume direct administrative responsibility and authority over Tribal health and human service programs as determined by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council. In carrying out this function, the Health Authority will be responsible to the Tribal Health Advisory Board, the Tribal HEW Committee, and the Tribal Council."

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract provision immediately and specifically apply to and include the aforementioned Tribal programs - Health Careers, Emergency Medical Services, and Community Health Representatives - and that these programs should now become separate and distinct departments or divisions within the Tribal Health Authority organization, that the

directors of these respective programs shall become administratively responsible to the Director of the Tribal Health Authority, and that the Tribal Health Authority and Tribal Health Advisory Board will become responsible for the operation of these programs to the Tribal Health, Education, Welfare Committee and the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hereafter any new health programs developed through the mechanism of the Tribal Health Authority be made part of this Tribal Health Authority organizational structure, which currently would include the Rural Health Initiative Planning Program and the Patient Transportation Program.

The foregoing resolution was on February 1, 1978 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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) and (s) 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).

ACTING

West Anderson, Jr.
Chairman of the Tribal Council

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