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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is aware that the original PHS Indian Health Service Hospital at Whiteriver on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation has been vacated by Indian Health Service personnel since the opening of a new hospital facility at Whiteriver in August, 1979, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has requested that such vacated facility be turned over to the Tribe for use as a tribal building, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe, through the Tribal Health Authority, intends to complete a study on the feasilbility of using said building as a nursing home for elderly Apaches, and
- WHEREAS, such a use, if feasible, would satisfy the great need on the Reservation for a nursing home, to replace the current practice of sending elderly patients to facilities at great distances from their homes, their families and friends, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the vacated Indian Health Service facility still contains all the original equipment used when the facility was operative, and
- WHEREAS, numerous Tribal agencies and departments have made requests for the use of this equipment. and
- WHEREAS. the Tribe as a whole would greatly benefit from the acquisition of such equipment for use in its tribal programs.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby strongly urges that the Public Health Service/Indian Health Service personnel transfer to the Tribe the vacated Indian Health Service building at Whiteriver.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council further requests the Tribe be given priority consideration for acquisition of equipment still located on such premises, for use in tribal programs.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authorized and directed to take all action necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.
- The foregoing resolution was on October 10, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and zero 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 Pribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council