

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has expended great effort in documenting health needs which resulted in Congress providing a modern hospital facility in order to provide an adequate level of health care for the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, that level of care in terms of staffing level of doctors, nurses and other support staff was established directly by the Congress of the United States for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, now that level of care and continuity of operation is presently under great threat by the transfer of the Whiteriver Service Unit Director, the temporary duty assignment of the Administrative Assistant, the resignation of five physicians, and the planned transfer of additional health care staff from the hospital in Whiteriver, Fort Apache Indian Reservation, to other reservations and to the Area Office in Phoenix, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Area Office of the Indian Health Service in Phoenix, Arizona, has not consulted the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe prior to proposing and initiating this reduction in staff vital to the adequate health care of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the proposed plan and present conduct of the Area Office of the Indian Health Service of transferring and reducing hospital staff is in direct contravention of the staffing level established by the Congress of the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it finds that the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Office is presently acting and planning to act in contravention of the mandate and will of Congress by reducing the congressionally established staffing pattern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that demand is hereby made on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Office that they immediately suspend their plan to reduce the staffing level of the Whiteriver Service Unit and respect the health needs of the Tribe and the will of Congress by ensuring that the established staffing pattern be maintained and that administrative continuity be provided during any period of transition or transfer of staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Office meet and consult with the Tribal Council prior to proposing or initiating any transfer or reduction in the staffing level at the Whiteriver Service Unit.

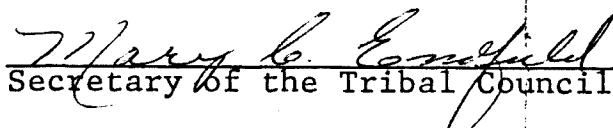
The foregoing resolution was on April 29, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a,b,t, & u) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council


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