

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

- WHEREAS, an F.A.S. (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) Awareness Week has been proclaimed by the Tribal Council for the past two years; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of this week is to increase public awareness about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, its seriousness and its preventability; and
- WHEREAS, the Whiteriver F.A.S. Trainers Group wishes to again establish an F.A.S. Awareness Week during the week of January 25 through January 31, 1987; and
- WHEREAS, F.A.S. is a birth defect which affects children mentally, physically and, behaviorally; and
- WHEREAS, children born with this birth defect are often a burden, emotionally, and financially to families and the community; and
- WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was identified as a birth defect just thirteen years ago and the general public continues to be uninformed about the devastating effects of F.A.S.; and
- WHEREAS, the estimated prevalence rate of F.A.S. in the United States is 1/650, similar to the birth prevalence of Down's Syndrome, another major birth defect; and
- WHEREAS, the estimated prevalence rate of F.A.S. on the White Mountain Apache Reservation is unknown but the risk of F.A.S. births exists in any community like the White Mountain Apache Reservation where alcohol is drunk by women of childbearing age; and
- WHEREAS, F.A.S. is possibly the only birth defect that is 100% preventable; and
- WHEREAS, educating and informing tribal members of the effects of F.A.S. and its preventability is of major importance to the preservation of future generations of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to recognize and support the efforts made by the Whiteriver F.A.S. Trainers Group to prevent further F.A.S. births on this reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby proclaims the week of January 25 through the 31st, 1987, F.A.S. Awareness Week.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it urges all tribal members and other concerned community individuals/groups to actively support and participate in the scheduled events and on-going programs designed to increase community awareness about F.A.S. and to prevent further occurrence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in White Mountain Apache Children.

The foregoing resolution was on JANUARY 15, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 Bylaws 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

Alvin Hawkins
Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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