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

- WHEREAS, Dr. Marianos of the Indian Health Service has advised the Tribal Council that baby bottle tooth decay (BBTD) is a serious health problem on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and many other communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that the Indian Health Service and Headstart have developed a prevention program which has as its main objective, decreasing the amount of BRTD which is early and rapid dental decay of baby teeth; and
- WHEREAS, a recent review of dental records for Headstart students reveal that over 80% of all of those students had some amount or form of BBTD which causes much pain and suffering in children; and
- WHEREAS, the prevention program is a two part effort aimed at education and improved awareness of this problem and involves placing posters and other material throughout the community as well as putting articles in the Apache Scout and on the radio; and
- WHEREAS, the prevention program also involves training parent volunteers to do home visits and to educate parents of very young children how to prevent this disease; and
- WHEREAS, all funds and materials to support this program are to be provided by IHS and Headstart and will be an on-going program for five years with yearly evaluations to determine its effectiveness; and
- WHEREAS, the foregoing prevention program has the support of the Tribal Health Advisory Board, the Whiteriver IHS Service Unit and the Whiteriver Headstart Program; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Marianos is requesting that the Tribal Council endorse this program and assist in the education of prevention of BBTD through the efforts of this program; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that this very worthly prevention program should be vigorously supported by the Tribal Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the BBTD prevention program as outlined by Dr. Marianos.

The foregoing resolution was on February 5, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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