

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has reviewed the proposed eligibility guidelines for the HIP Housing Program, issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which guidelines restrict housing eligibility to handicapped and elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that the housing need on the reservation is very extensive and is not limited solely to handicapped and elderly persons, as evidenced by the fact that 2,000 to 3,000 housing applications are on file with the local HIP Office; these applications having been submitted by individuals who do not qualify for any other housing programs in existence on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has submitted, at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' request, a ten-year plan for the HIP Housing Program on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has represented to the Tribe that it would receive an allocation of approximately \$325,000 this fiscal year for the local HIP Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, the current funding allocation for the HIP Program has fallen far short of the promised \$325,000 and is in fact this year set at approximately \$85,000., and the Tribe is of the opinion that this allocation of funds is substantially below the funding level necessary to keep pace with the housing demand here on the reservation.

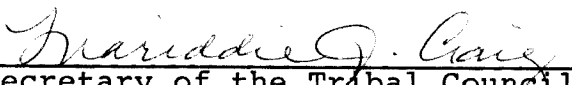
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby enters its formal opposition to the eligibility criteria established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for HIP Housing eligibility, and furthermore, the Tribe opposes the cut-backs in the allocations of funding for the HIP Housing Program on the reservation from the promised \$325,000 to the approximate FY 1987 allocation of \$85,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it supports the promulgation and the adoption of HIP Housing eligibility criteria which more closely reflect the housing needs of individuals here on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as determined by local conditions

and the cultural practices of the Tribe, and furthermore, the Tribal Council unequivocally states that the Tribe will exercise its sovereign powers to the fullest extent in its efforts to protect and advance the interests of its tribal members and to aid them in their efforts to secure adequate housing pursuant to the HIP Housing Program.

The foregoing resolution was on May 6, 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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