

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 Home Improvement Program (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 program in existence on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has submitted, at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a ten-year plan for the HIP Housing Program on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had previously represented to the Tribe that it would receive an allocation of approximately \$325,000 this fiscal year for the local HIP Housing Program but unilaterally reduced the allocation to only \$85,000; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has opposed this reduced allocation of \$85,000 for the HIP Housing Program as outlined in Resolution No. 05-87-147; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has re-established the allocation for the Tribal HIP Program to \$125,000 and has requested that the White Mountain Apache Tribe submit a Housing Improvement proposal using this figure.

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 to the cut-backs in the allocation of funding for the HIP Housing Program on the reservation from the promised \$325,000 to the approximate FY87 allocation of \$125,000.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it will unequivocally exercise its sovereign power to the fullest extent in its efforts to protect and advance the interests of its tribal members and to aid them in efforts to secure adequate housing for them pursuant to the HIP Housing Program.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 6, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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