

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

WHEREAS, Bobby Thompson, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Department has come before the Tribal Council on behalf of the Northern Arizona University Institute for Human Development (IHD); and

WHEREAS, the IHD Program is funded by a grant from the Handicapped Childrens Early Education Program (HCEEP) through the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The IHD Program has utilized approximately \$350,000 over the past three years for Project Apache, a model program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, which provides early educational intervention for families of infants and infants and toddlers who are at risk of developmental disabilities due to problems at birth; and

WHEREAS, presently there are 17 families on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation enrolled in Project Apache whose infants have been identified by Indian Health Services as being at risk of developing handicapping conditions due to difficult births; and

WHEREAS, funding for Project Apache through HCEEP will end on August 28, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that approximately \$70,000 is needed to continue the services provided through Project Apache, based on the present rate of families currently needing early intervention services to combat the high risk of developmental disabilities caused by difficulties at birth; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has discretionary funds which could be appropriated to fund Project Apache.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it recognizes the special needs of infants having difficult births and the importance of early intervention with the children and families to reduce


the risk of future handicapping conditions in these infants and toddlers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it fully supports the continuation of Project Apache.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs to appropriate the necessary funding for the continuation of Project Apache on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on August 3, 1989 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 (a) 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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