

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

- WHEREAS, A Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week has been proclaimed by the Tribal Council for the past six 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 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Trainers Group wishes to again establish a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week during the week of January 28, 1990 through February 3, 1990; and
- WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a birth defect which affects children mentally, physically, and behaviorally; and
- WHEREAS, children born with this defect are often a burden, emotionally, and financially to families and on the community; and
- WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was identified as a birth defect just fifteen years ago, and the general public continues to be uninformed about the devastating effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS, the estimated prevalence rate of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome 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 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome on the White Mountain Apache reservation is unknown but the risk of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome births exist in any community like White Mountain Apache Reservation where alcohol is consumed by women of childbearing age; and
- WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is possibly the only birth defect that is 100% preventable; and
- WHEREAS, educating and informing tribal members of the effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome 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 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Trainers Group to prevent further Fetal Alcohol Syndrome births on this reservation.

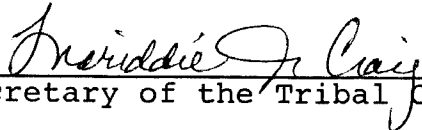
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby proclaims the week of January 28 through February 3, 1990 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week.

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

The foregoing resolution was on January 10, 1990, duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 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 on 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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