

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

- WHEREAS, Dr. Emmett Chase, Indian Health Service AIDS Coordinator, has addressed the Tribal Council this date in respect to survey results on the extent of HIV positive cases on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Chase advises the Tribal Council that 62 locations constituting two-thirds of the area served by the Indian Health Service have been tested for HIV positive cases and that the highest number of cases appear in Arizona, Utah and Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Chase claims that according to a survey begun in 1989, nationwide there is an estimated 2,500 to 4,000 native Americans who are HIV positive and about 340 to 500 AIDS cases; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Chase explained to the Tribal Council that the majority of persons who are HIV positive in the survey are unknown by the medical profession as the survey was conducted as a blind study; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Chase emphasizes to the Tribal Council the grave importance of educating the public about AIDS and the need for tribal governments to support and coordinate with IHS efforts to educate the public to stop the spread of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is extremely concerned about the spread of AIDS on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the safety and welfare of the people and concludes that a tribal department should be appointed for the purpose of pursuing funding from IHS to establish an AIDS Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares that the spread of AIDS virus to be of utmost concern to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Tribal Council.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby delegates and directs the Tribal Health Authority Executive Director to pursue funding from the Indian Health Service through the Office of Dr. Emmett Chase, IHS AIDS Coordinator, for the purposes of establishing an AIDS Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in order to educate, counsel, and assist persons who are HIV positive and to educate the public to prevent the virus from spreading throughout the tribal population.

The foregoing resolution was on March 11, 1992, 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) (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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