

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the governing body of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, American Indians, of all ethnic groups in the United States have the greatest number of persons with disabling conditions, and disabling conditions now include AIDS infected persons and diabetics; and
- WHEREAS, American Indian infants are being born with disabling conditions at three times the rate of all other babies born in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, American Indian men have a seven times greater chance of becoming disabled before their 26th birthday than any other race of people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, American Indian elders develop disabilities from health related problems at a rate 30% greater than other Americans their age; and
- WHEREAS, research has indicated that nearly eighty-five percent of all disabilities prevalent among American Indians can be prevented or rehabilitated; and
- WHEREAS, neither the Indian Health Service nor the Bureau of Indian Affairs is programmed to respond to the specific needs of disabled Indian people, either in prevention, care, or rehabilitation; and
- WHEREAS, state prevention and rehabilitation services seldom reach urban Indians and almost never cross reservation lines; and
- WHEREAS, with the exception of fifteen Section 130 Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs in the United States that serve adults, there are no services on Indian reservations that specifically address the needs of disabled American Indians; and
- WHEREAS, no other committee exists within the White Mountain Apache Tribe that addresses the prevention, care, habilitation and rehabilitation needs critical to disabled Apache members; and

WHEREAS, Special Education services provided to pre-school aged children by BIA will be discontinued on June 30, 1992; and

WHEREAS, after June 30, 1992, all disabled pre-school age children that are currently being served by the BIA will be served by the State Education Agency (SEA), public school and Tribe under Disabilities Education Act (P.L. 102-119).

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes within its Education Issues Committee, a committee on Disabilities to coordinate with SEA to insure adequate services to all disabled pre-school age children on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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 (b) (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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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