

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

WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Service Unit of the Indian Health Service is a primary provider of health care on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has established that the existing hospital at Whiteriver has inadequate space and staff to handle the present workload and has allowed the facility to enter Phase III of the Health Facilities Construction Priority System; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has a young population that is increasing in numbers; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 400 deliveries per year among the user population of the Whiteriver Service Unit of which approximately 50% must be referred to other facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Service Unit hospital could handle the majority of the deliveries that are referred out to other facilities if it has the proper facilities and staff; and

WHEREAS, a full-service obstetrical program would save the Whiteriver Service Unit scarce financial resources by reducing the number of medical transports and contract health cost associated with deliveries; and

WHEREAS, a full-service obstetrical program at the Whiteriver Hospital would provide a service that would allow for more family members to participate in the births of new family members.

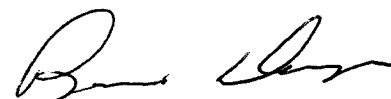
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the completion of a Program Justification Document for the expansion and renovation of the entire Whiteriver Hospital to better serve the needs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby supports any interim measures that would immediately establish a full-service obstetrical unit at the Whiteriver Hospital to better serve the needs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Resolution No. 03-95-087

The foregoing resolution was on March 08, 1995, 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (j), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, 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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**FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY
WHITERIVER, ARIZONA**

Secretary of the Tribal Council