

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Reservation is composed of duly elected members who represent the population of the Reservation in all matters pertaining to its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** although the Tribal Council is concerned about the health and welfare of all tribal members, particular concern is for women who are pregnant, women who have recently given birth, and their young infant, all of whom have important specific needs regarding their health and welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** high rates of pregnancy-related problems are present among many women of the White Mountain Apache Reservation, and these include preeclampsia and eclampsia, gestational hypertension and gestational diabetes, FAS/FAE, and other problems leading to complicated pregnancies and deliveries, and all of these problems are believed to be related to inadequate and/or inappropriate nutrition; and
- WHEREAS,** similar high rates of teenage pregnancies also occur among White Mountain Apache tribal members as well as other populations throughout the state of Arizona, and this often leads to disruption of the teenage mothers' primary family situations and education, single parenthood, and other problems; and many of the problems listed above which lead to complicated pregnancies and deliveries occur more in pregnant teenagers than in older pregnant women; and
- WHEREAS,** breastfeeding has been determined to be the best source of food for infants because of its superior nutritional value and for its ability to protect infants from a number of infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** the Share Our Strength organization, a private foundation (Washington, DC) established for the purpose of combatting hunger, malnutrition, and other related problems, recently awarded the Johns Hopkins University funds to be applied to alleviating nutrition-related problems of pregnant women, postnatal women, and their infants in several Southwest Indian tribes, including members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

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WHEREAS, the Johns Hopkins University, which has maintained a project site in Whiteriver since 1980, fully supports the goals and purposes of the Share Our Strength foundation and has been making preparations for the past several months to conduct this project; and

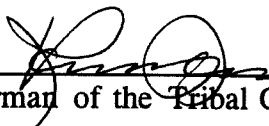
WHEREAS, in order for the Johns Hopkins University to be of more effective assistance, it has been determined that more information is needed to fill in the gaps of knowledge which exist concerning the above pregnancy-related problems and situations; and

WHEREAS, a survey questionnaire has been developed to collect information about community-based knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors about nutrition and adolescent pregnancy to design an education program that will help increase the number of adolescent mothers and their offspring who eat nutritionally-balanced diets; and

WHEREAS, a number of local offices, organization, committees, and agencies already exist which deal with many of the problems listed above, and these have welcomed the assistance offered by the Johns Hopkins University to combat these problems, and much support among the community people also exists for this project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, based on the foregoing, it hereby grants approval to the Johns Hopkins Program to administer the community survey questionnaire among those who voluntarily agree to take part so that the SOS Project can be made to better serve pregnant women, women who have recently given birth, and their infants.

The foregoing resolution was on November 08, 1995, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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), (s), (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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council