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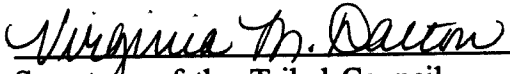
**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Service Unit of the Indian Health Service is the primary provider of health care on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Service Unit has 271 employees of which 44 are Commissioned Officers of the United States Public Health Service; and
- WHEREAS,** the Commissioned Officers are all health care professionals in critical areas such as Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Nurses, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, Sanitarians, Engineers, Laboratory Technologists, and Nutritionists; and
- WHEREAS,** the recruitment of comparable replacements could not be accomplished utilizing the federal Civil Service personnel system without expending significantly more funds in the form of increased based salaries and bonuses; and
- WHEREAS,** the Whiteriver Service Unit is already severely under funded, having to collect approximately half of its operating budget from third party resources; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have greatly benefitted from services provided by the Commissioned Officers of the Whiteriver Service Unit; and
- WHEREAS,** without the presence of the Commissioned Corps the quality and availability of health care for the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe would be drastically reduced contrary to the trust obligation of the United States to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby express its appreciation to the efforts of the Commissioned Corps staff at the Whiteriver Service Unit and fully support their continued presence.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby opposes any attempt to eliminate the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service.

Resolution No. 12-95-369

The foregoing resolution was on December 06, 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), (c), (i), (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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Secretary of the Tribal Council