

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

**WHEREAS,** the annual budget of the Indian Health Service falls short of the need for health care services and facilities when measured against the Level of Need Funded, annual pay costs, inflation costs, Indian population growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of Health and Human Service and the Office of Management and Budget have, for the past six years, directed the Indian Health Service to propose that Indian Health Service and tribal health programs absorb payroll inflation costs; and

**WHEREAS,** the inability of the Indian Health Service to fully fund the Pay Act and inflation costs have decreased the ability of Indian Health Service and tribes to provide inpatient and outpatient clinic services to Indian people; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Administration has denied requests by the Indian Health Service to request funding for Indian population growth, for unmet needs in the Contract Helath Services program and in other clinical programs; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past several years the Congress has appropriated millions of dollars to restore Pay Act and inflation costs for other Public Health Service programs without increases for Indian Health Service Pay Act and inflation costs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Administration has proposed to fund new program initiatives out of base reductions to the Hospitals and Clinics program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Administration for many years has forced the Indian Health Service to request smaller budget increase than other Public Health Service programs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it calls upon the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Office of Management and Budget to allow the Indian Health Service to request increased funding in FY 2001 to cover the full costs of the Pay Act, inflation costs, the operating costs of new facilities and other mandatory costs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe calls upon the Federal Administration to request additional funds to meet the shortfall cost of Contract Support Costs, Indian population growth, and unmet needs in clinical programs.

Resolution No. 07-99-162

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of eight 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), (h), (j), (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