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

- WHEREAS, the Community Health Representative (CHR) Program has been providing vital health services on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the past 31 years; and
- WHEREAS, the majority of the CHR employees have successfully trained as Certified Nursing Assistants; and
- WHEREAS, as the CHR work responsibilities include providing monitoring services to the local diabetic patient population, and such services include vital signs, immediate medical attention and drug refills; and
- WHEREAS, Diabetes continues to be a prevalent disease among the Native American population; and
- WHEREAS, other CHR work responsibilities include serving the medical needs of the Tribal elders, wheel chair patients and those individuals confined to their homes; and
- WHEREAS, the CHR employees are expected to provide their own private vehicle to render essential services to the nine (9) Apache communities; and
- WHEREAS, the results of related study conducted recently indicates that the costs of operation, maintenance and associated expenses for a vehicle is currently at least \$0.52 per mile.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the proposed CHR mileage reimbursement rate change, from the current \$0.25 per mile to \$0.325 per mile for the CHR program and Tribal Health Authority.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the mileage rate change is to be comprehensive to include all Tribal Health programs, for work-related travel, due to the limited number of program vehicles and the heavy reliance on private vehicles to continue the ability of these programs to provide essential health services to the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>July 18, 2001</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (k), (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