



Resolution No. 06-2006-200

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

(Supporting the Integrated Diabetes Education Program)

- WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe authorizes and empowers the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (herein after the Council) to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council recognizes diabetes as one of the major health problems that our people face; and
- WHEREAS**, one of every 5 tribal adults has diabetes; and we are only beginning to identify the number of members who have pre-diabetes; and
- WHEREAS**, long-term complications happen as a result of uncontrolled diabetes, such as members who depend on dialysis to survive, others who have lost limbs because of amputations; and still others with significant vision loss; and
- WHEREAS**, recently, we have seen an increase in the amount of cardiovascular disease in our members; and
- WHEREAS**, while these health problems continue to increase, doctors have learned that these problems can be prevented or delayed, and we also now know that diabetes itself can be prevented by making healthy lifestyle choices; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is fortunate enough to have both a Tribal and I.H.S. Diabetes Program who work together to provide quality care to the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, in recent years, the Tribe has organized programs and resources for persons who seek to prevent disease and promote their health. Our community needs a solid diabetes education program that can help members gain the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy lifestyle choices; and
- WHEREAS**, diabetes self-management education is an effective way to help persons with diabetes take control of their lives and their diabetes; and
- WHEREAS**, there is evidence that people who participate in a diabetes self-management program have improved blood sugar control and the entire family benefits from healthy lifestyle changes; and

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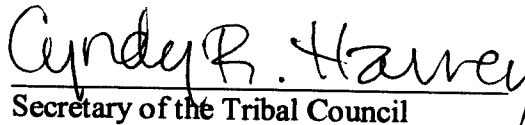
WHEREAS, the plan is to implement the HoPE Program, as attached and incorporated by this reference, which is an Integrated Diabetes Education Program (IDERP), which is an I.H.S. accredited program approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and integrates education, clinical and public health standards.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the development of an Integrated Diabetes Education and Clinically Recognized Program, as attached and incorporated by this reference, providing quality education and medical care along with community awareness and prevention of diabetes.

The foregoing resolution was on June 8, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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