



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

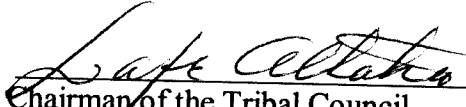
(Supporting reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians)

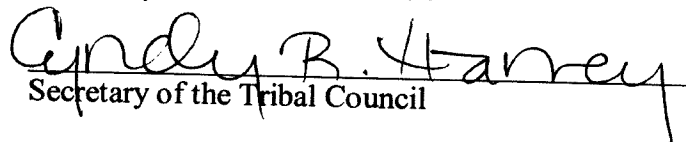
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, diabetes is a major threat to the health of members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, a reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI), S. 1494, has been included in the forthcoming Medicare bill; and
- WHEREAS**, the SDPI has enabled the Indian Health Service, Tribes, and urban Indian health programs to develop almost 400 new diabetes prevention and treatment programs, which fill critical health care gaps and provide services that would not otherwise be provided and were never available before the program; and
- WHEREAS**, the ultimate goals of the SDPI are to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and its complications, however, these long term outcomes will take years to achieve given the enormous impact of this problem; and
- WHEREAS**, the SDPI programs will focus on the needs of the elderly by providing screening activities, together with other services available through Medicare, resulting in improved earlier diagnosis and diabetes wellness programs designed to meet the special needs of the elderly; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that continuing the SDPI will only result in greater improvements in terms of saved lives and should thus be supported as it is in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI), S. 1494.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, and to represent the Tribe's interests in this matter.

The foregoing resolution was on October 18, 2007, 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), (b), (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).

ACTING 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council