



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

**(Approving \$7,500 for Digital Mammography for Cibecue)**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) 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,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes and acknowledges that Cancer is a relatively “new” illness among Native American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** Breast Cancer has increased among Native American Indian women and is the second leading cause of cancer death in women; and
- WHEREAS,** a quarter of breast cancer diagnosis’ occur women in high risk groups whom tend to have substandard health habits, fail to conduct Self Breast Exams monthly, as well as those women who do not take a yearly mammogram exam; and
- WHEREAS,** District I Council representatives were personally affected by Breast Cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilman Arnold Beach’s sister and Councilwoman Evangeline Gatewood were both diagnosed with breast cancer at varying stages, a fact that has contributed to an overall effort to bring cancer awareness to the people of Cibecue; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cibecue community has encouraged awareness in the last two years by sponsoring two conferences, walks, and bringing in speakers from various organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Tribal Health Departments, Indian Health Services (HIS) and survivors of cancer by addressing issues relating to breast cancer, specifically the importance of early detection through mammograms; and
- WHEREAS,** mammogram service is currently only available at the SUMMIT Health Care in Show Low, Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** non-existent services on the Reservation lead to financial hardship and stress due to culturally related barriers which result in many cancellations of appointments; and
- WHEREAS,** the community of Cibecue, through the District I Council Office, would like to acquire services from Assured Imaging Women’s Wellness of Southern Arizona, a company that has custom built coaches and trailers with full field digital mammography, DEXA, and ultrasound; and
- WHEREAS,** with the acquired services of Assured Imaging Women’s Wellness, these barriers and difficulties could be lifted by having services available locally in Cibecue on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October during the 2009 Breast Cancer Awareness Conference where a custom built coach with full field digital mammography, DEXA, and ultrasound will be available for thirty-five (35) women; and

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**WHEREAS,** the digital mammography information and results will be transferred in care to the Indian Health Service for future screening and follow-ups; and

**WHEREAS,** the community of Cibecue requests that the Tribal Council direct the Tribal Division of Health to pay seven thousand and five hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars to cover the costs negotiated with Assured Imaging Women's Wellness to have thirty-five (35) women receive mammogram screenings at \$150.00 per person, a discounted rate from the normal cost of \$250.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the community of Cibecue, through the District I Council Office, will apply for grants from other Cancer organizations for the next year to continue services from Assured Imaging Women's Wellness; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council acknowledges the vital importance of preventive care for all Apache women, mothers and grandmothers and hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe and the community of Cibecue to support this cause.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and permits the requested funding of seven thousand and five hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars to be granted to the District I Council Office to acquire the services of Assured Imaging Women's Wellness for the purpose of providing the women of Cibecue much needed mammogram services.

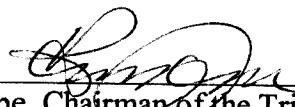
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes a memorandum of agreement between Indian Health Services and the Assured Imaging Women's Wellness for the purpose expressed herein to serve the women of Cibecue.

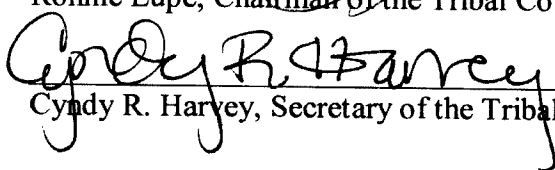
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Division of Health to pay \$7,500.00 on behalf of the people of Cibecue and further hereby authorizes the District I Council Office to coordinate payment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**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.

The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 22, 2009** 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), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Cindy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council