

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

- WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of its Indian population is a major goal of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS, funding for a nutrition program Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is authorized by Congress through the "Child Nutrition Amendments of 1978", P.L. 95-627, and funds for such programs to State Agencies made available through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and,
- WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make grants to "State Agencies" for the purpose of administering a WIC program; and,
- WHEREAS, a number of Indian tribal governments presently provide WIC services to their eligible populations through contracts with the Arizona State Bureau of Nutrition Services; and,
- WHEREAS, there are a number of disadvantages to the state administered WIC program such as state control of tribal program operations, state priorities and program evaluation that differ from tribal policies and needs, and state policies that are more restrictive than federal regulations; and,
- WHEREAS, the definition in the law, under Sec. 17 (6) (13), for State Agency includes "an Indian Tribe, band or group that is the authorized representative of Indian Tribes, band, or groups"; and,
- WHEREAS, the Tribal WIC program directors and nutritionists have been meeting to study other alternatives to the present WIC contracting arrangements; and,
- WHEREAS, an Inter-Tribal-State level WIC administrative agency would result in more effective and efficient WIC services because:

- technical assistance, training, tribal involvement in planning policy development and program evaluation would be directed toward the needs of tribal programs,
- tribes would have control over policy development and planning and evaluation,
- tribal program information would be able to be used as a data base for long range health services planning with Indian Health Service.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the establishment of an Inter-Tribal-State level WIC administrative agency to be administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., and agrees to be a participant in the Inter-Tribal-State level WIC agency and authorizes the WIC Program Director to cooperate with and provide assistance to the effort of preparing and submitting the required plan to Region IX to establish the Inter-Tribal administrative agency that would begin operations October 1, 1984.

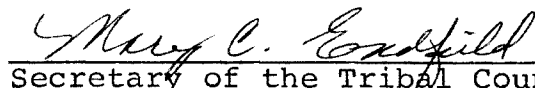
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Inter-Tribal-State level WIC Administrative Agency with the involvement of tribal programs will:

- provide policy guidance to Tribal WIC Subcontractors on matters pertaining to training, planning, evaluation, and to the provisions of services under the WIC program;
- comply with all the requirements of an administrative State Agency including, but not limited to:
  - the development of a State plan, including a procedure manual;
  - the advertisement of the WIC programs;
  - the promotion of affirmative action with the program;
  - the provision of a food delivery system;
  - the development of a procedures manual;
  - the establishment of eligibility criteria.
- develop out reach plans;
- develop a nutrition surveillance system;
- provide program guidance and technical assistance to the Tribal WIC programs in the areas of planning, implementation and evaluation;
- develop and provide the appropriate financial systems necessary to carry out the functions of a state agency;
- conduct monitoring functions;
- carry out requirements for fair hearings

- act as liason with the United States Department of Agriculture, Center for Disease Control, Indian Health Service, Arizona Department of Health Services and other appropriate agencies and programs relative to the administration of Tribal WIC programs.

The foregoing resolution was on July 17 , 1984, duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 2 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 ( ) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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