

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

WHEREAS, National Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week was observed throughout the United States last year during the week of January 15-21, 1984, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this observance was to increase public awareness about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and its preventability, and

WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Trainers Group wishes to carry on this observance and wishes to establish a local Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week during the week of January 20-26, 1985, and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a birth defect which affects children mentally, physically, and behaviorally, and

WHEREAS, children born with this birth defect are often a burden, emotionally and financially, to families and on the community, and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was recognized as a birth defect just eleven years ago and the general public continues to be uninformed about the devastating effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and

WHEREAS, the estimated prevalence rate of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in the United States is 1/650, similar to the birth prevalence of Down's Syndrome, another major birth defect, and

WHEREAS, the estimated prevalence rate of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is unknow, but the risk of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome births exists in any community like the Fort Apache Indian Reservation where alcohol is consumed by women of childbearing age, and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is possibly the only birth defect that is 100% preventable, and

WHEREAS, educating and informing tribal members of the effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and its preventability is of major importance to the preservation of future generations of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to recognize and support the efforts made by the Whiteriver Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Trainers Group to prevent further Fetal Alcohol Syndrome births on this reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby proclaims the week of January 20-26, 1985, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby urges all tribal members and other concerned community individuals/groups to actively support and participate in the scheduled events and ongoing programs designed to increase community awareness about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and to prevent further occurrence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in White Mountain Apache children.

The foregoing resolution was on January 9, 1985 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) 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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