

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, this Tribal Council fully supports the continuing efforts of the Tribal Community Health Representatives to do the vital job of providing home health aid and specialized CHR services essential to improving the health status of the White Mountain Apache Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the line item for the CHR Program in FY 86 budget has been reduced to zero by the Reagan Administration, after an amount of 25.5 million dollars was funded for CHR in FY 85; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is deeply concerned about the effects of the proposed deletion of the CHR Program funding on the Apache Tribe and Reservation; and

WHEREAS, no funding for the CHR Program would prove detrimental to individual Apache health status as well as the future of Apache health status on the Fort Apache Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has contracted the CHR Program from the Indian Health Service since 1970 and has operated this program successfully and made significant contributions to improve the health status for all Apache Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, failure to appropriate funds for the CHR Program violates the trust responsibility of the federal government to the federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, deleting CHR Program Funds violates several federal laws including P.L. 93-638 and P.L. 94-437 by attempting to eliminate the CHR Program; and

WHEREAS, there has been no input nor participation, by tribes or Indian people in regard to the fund changes and/or program changes offered in the DHHS FY 86 budget request.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby:

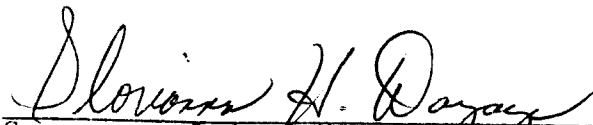
1. Requests that the Arizona Congressional Delegation actively support full funding of at least 25.5 million dollars for the CHR Program and seek to preserve the Congressional intent that the funds be fully available for improving the health status of all Apache Tribal members;

2. Requests that the National Congress of American Indians, the Intertribal Council of Arizona, the National Tribal Chairman's Association, and the National Indian Health Board, make continued funding of CHR Program a high priority before the 99th Congress and cooperate with the White Mountain Apache Tribal CHR Program in its efforts to continue CHR funding at the maximum level;
3. Directs the Tribal CHR Program to expend staff time and necessary travel to enter into a cooperative effort with other Arizona tribes to hold the federal government to its trust responsibility to fund the CHR Program.

The foregoing resolution was on March ____, 1985 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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-Law 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, 1924 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council

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