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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has repeatedly expressed its grave concern over problems related to alcoholism on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit has informed the Tribal Council they are willing to conduct an assessment of alcohol related problems through the Principal Investigator, Ms. Pat Ramsey, R.N., of the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit and Dr. Hugh Tyson, M.D., of Office of Health Program Research and Development; and
- WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit and Office of Health Program Research and Development will develop an accurate methodology to assess the magnitude, type, and cost of alcohol related admissions at the Whiteriver Hospital for the purpose of examining all hospital admissions at the Whiteriver Hospital for a period of one year to determine what proportion of Whiteriver Hospital admissions and contract care admissions were alcohol related and what were their diagnostic classifications and cost; and
- WHEREAS, the attached questionnaire has been reviewed which will be utilized in collecting data on every patient admitted to the Whiteriver Hospital; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Health Authority Board of Directors highly recommends to the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that they endorse the assessment for alcohol related admissions at the Whiteriver Hospital; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it concurs with the Tribal Health Authority in supporting and endorsing the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit in conducting a taylored assessment on alcohol related admissions to determine their magnitude, diagnostic types and total contract care costs, and it would also provide future focused interventions to reduce alcohol related morbidity and mortality; and

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe it supports a funding application for a one-year duration from Indian Health Service Research Support funds for the purposes of administering the collection of vital data on alcohol related problems.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all information gathered will remain confidential. Information will be further disseminated only with approval of the Tribal Health Authority Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit.

The foregoing resolution was on May 25, 1989, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO 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 Bylaws 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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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