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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the Indian Health Service budget FY 1992 is being reduced by \$24,000,000.00; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that as a result of these Congressional budget reductions, the Indian Health Service must develop and implement stringent measures to provide quality patient care; and
- WHEREAS, already with present funding, there awaits twenty-four tribal members in need of major surgery or other medical attention who cannot receive the attention because of inadequate IHS funding or contract medical care; and
- WHEREAS, those persons who are being denied medical care are suffering due to a breach of the trust obligation of the United States Government that was made to Native Americans nationwide and to the tribal members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and now must continue to needlessly suffer due to the cut back in critical medical care; and
- WHEREAS, Native Americans nationwide suffer the lowest quality health care of any ethnic group, have the highest rate of infant mortality, the highest rate of suicide amongst young people and have otherwise suffered from medical neglect and lack of preventive medicine; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to make known its opposition to the \$24,000,000.00 reduction in the IHS budget for Fiscal Year 1992.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the \$24,000,000.00 reduction in IHS 1992 appropriations and requests the Arizona Congressional Delegation to use their good offices to restore full funding to IHS so that quality health care may be provided in fulfillment of the United States trust obligation to Native-Americans.

Resolution No. 10-91-257

The foregoing resolution was on October 02, 1991, 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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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