

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

WHEREAS, the cost of storing a deceased person at a funeral mortuary is creating a financial hardship on families; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteriver Hospital has the capacity to store four bodies at one time in the hospital morgue; and

WHEREAS, there is often space available to store a deceased person at the hospital morgue when a family is not able to meet the financial costs of storage at a funeral home and the Service Unit Director is willing to explore the possibility of using extra morgue space for storage of a deceased person; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of tribal members if such a procedure could be established with the Whiteriver Hospital.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby request that the IHS Service Unit Director explore the feasibility and practicality of using storage space at the Whiteriver Hospital for storing recently deceased persons (not in a decomposing state) for families for a period of time not to exceed 72 hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the IHS Service Unit Director report back to the Tribal Council at the November meeting with a recommended policy and procedures for the storage of deceased persons at the Whiteriver Hospital in cases of severe financial hardship.

Resolution No. 10-91-274

The foregoing resolution was on October 07, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of nine 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).

(ACTING)

*Randall Mares, Jr.*

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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