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

- whereas, the Elderly Services Program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been providing services to the Senior Citizens as mandated by the Older Americans Act. These services include but are not limited to transportation, home care community base services, preparing/delivery of nutritious meals and advocacy to serve the needs of sixty-year old senior citizens; and
- WHEREAS, the Elderly Services Program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's senior citizen population is rapidly growing and the demand for services are increasing, substantially; and
- WHEREAS, to effectively benefit the elderly population of the White Mountain Apache Tribe a critical need exists to expand the program and provide additional direct services; and
- WHEREAS, the direct service quality care required means additional staffing and appropriate budgetary allocations to meet the rising costs of services and programs;
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it further reaffirms that a primary issue facing our people is the Federal Eligibility Requirements for all aging programs should be reduced to age 55 for Indian Elderly. The economic conditions, health and general welfare of the Indian populas merits lowering the age eligibility criteria to 55.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the services required to meet the critically unmet needs stem from the rise of elderly population which lacks adequate financial support.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms its support for the quality care of the elderly and therefore endorses and supports the Southwest Forum for 1995 White House Conference on Aging to advocate for services essential to the older Native American Indians.

The foregoing resolution was on November 22, 1994, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN or and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (i) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Resolution No. 11-94-361.

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