

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

**WHEREAS,** severe injury surveillance data from the Whiteriver Service Unit indicates that assault injury is a leading type of severe injury on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the severe injury surveillance system data provides general information about injury problems, but does not provide specific detail; and

**WHEREAS,** an in-depth study would provide more detail relating to specific factors that may cause or contribute to these assault injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** more detailed epidemiologic information may provide a better understanding of the assault injury problem on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and may lead to specific prevention/intervention methods to reduce the extent of the assault injury problem; and

**WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service/Office of Environmental Health and Engineering [IHS/OEH&E] is requesting the approval of the Tribal Council to conduct a descriptive epidemiologic study of severe assault injuries on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for a three-year period, and advises that the Tribal Health Board and IHS Hospital Executive Board have given approval for the study; and

**WHEREAS,** the requested study will contain no specific name reference to any individual or incident, and will adhere strictly to all provisions of the Privacy Act and all tribal policies, regulations or resolutions prohibiting the dissemination of any such data without Tribal Council consent.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants approval to the Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering to conduct a descriptive epidemiologic study of severe assault injuries on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for a three-year period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby prohibits the publication, dissemination and distribution in any form and for any reason whatsoever, without Tribal Council consent of the above described study, to any organizations or persons outside the Tribal Council or the Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, provided that this does not prohibit Tribal Departments, Programs, the Prosecutor's Office and Police Department, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs from providing information and statistics to the Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering to assist in the completion of the severe injury surveillance study.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that the aforescribed study will contain no specific name, reference to any individual or incident, and it will otherwise strictly adhere to all provisions of the Federal Privacy Act, tribal policies, regulations, and resolutions prohibiting the publication, distribution or dissemination of any such data without Tribal Council consent.

The foregoing resolution was on May 8, 1996 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (s), (t) and (u) 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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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## SEVERE ASSAULT INJURY STUDY, FT. APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

The intent of this study is to describe in more detail the circumstances or factors related to severe assault injury occurring on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation for a 3-year period.

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The purpose of the study will be to identify specific factors related to these assault injuries for which prevention/intervention programs can be designed and applied, to attempt to reduce the extent of the problem.

In addition to information relating to assault victims, this study will attempt to provide more detail in the general areas of:

- offender information (age, sex, relationship to victim, residence),
- assault incidents (location, circumstances, assault type, weapon used),
- extent of referral to Behavioral Health/Social Services, and to Police.

The study will not contain any specific reference to an individual or incident.

Data for the study will be gathered from several sources:

- Whiteriver Hospital,
- Police Department,
- Behavioral Health and Social Services.

All information collected as part of this study will be treated confidentially, and will conform to the requirements of the Privacy Act.

The study will be conducted by staff from the IHS, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering.