

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

- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has been advised of the FY'97 funding available for the provisions of Health Services for White Mountain Apaches and other eligible Native Americans at the Whiteriver IHS Hospital and Cibecue Ambulatory Health Center; and
- WHEREAS**, the budget of \$18,685,406, which includes the projected surplus of \$4,094,023, is insufficient considering the Hospital and clinic base of only \$7,323,078, less the 1.5% Area tap; and
- WHEREAS**, the availability of health services not available at the Whiteriver Service Unit requires the referral of patients to non-IHS facilities utilizing scarce Contract Health Services (CHS) funds; and
- WHEREAS**, the provision of quality medical care and related support services is of vital concern to the members of the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS**, the FY'97 Contract Health Service allocation for Whiteriver Service Unit of \$2.6 million is insufficient; and
- WHEREAS**, no mechanism exists to increase a Service Unit's annual CHS appropriation and the Whiteriver Service Unit has had no increase in CHS since 1979; and
- WHEREAS**, the Whiteriver Service Unit is currently experiencing a high utilization of CHS funds due to an increasing service population and the decreasing availability of Third Party resources associated with managed care ie., HMO's, PPO's and potentially, Welfare Reform; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has seriously contemplated the potential negative impact on the health of tribal members caused by the potential lost of funds through the redistribution of surplus funds to other Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Units.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service (PAIHS) Director Don Davis, reconfirm that all Third Party funds, including M&M surplus remain at the Whiteriver Service Unit, as Chairman Lupe was advised at the March 11, 1997, Whiteriver Service Unit Budget Presentation.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, Contract Health Service Office, which has regularly appropriated and retained year end CHS surplus funds from the CHS budget be directed to have all Whiteriver Service Unit CHS allowances remain at Whiteriver Service Unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that prior year CHS funds reallocated from Whiteriver Service Unit to other Service Units be returned to Whiteriver Service Unit for local use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service "tap" to maintain Area wide programs should not be a fiscal responsibility of Service Units including Whiteriver Service Unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it recognizes that the Whiteriver Service Unit staff have made sound fiscal investments from Surplus Third Party Collections to continue improving the delivery of quality Health care, and their efforts and incentive should not be undermined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby re-emphasizes the responsibility of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Director to ensure the delivery of Health Care including funding to other Phoenix Area Tribes and not to rely on Service Unit surpluses.

The foregoing resolution was on April 03, 1997, duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (c), (i), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council