

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that breastfeeding a baby is an important and basic act of nurture that must be encouraged in the interests of maternal and child health and family values; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to comply with the breastfeeding promotion program established under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. Section 1771 et seq.), the Tribal Council recognizes breastfeeding as the best method of infant nutrition; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tribe to help prevent diabetes and other illness in the children of Tribal members and other employees; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Practice Physicians both encourage exclusive breastfeeding for six months and continued breastfeeding after the addition of solids for at least twelve months, and as long after as mutually desired; and

WHEREAS, the Apache Diabetes Wellness Center is promotion exclusive breastfeeding as a way to prevent diabetes and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Apache Diabetes Wellness Center requests full support of the Tribal Council in approving a 90 day trial of Employee Policies and Procedures to promote exclusive breastfeeding by employees of the Tribe.

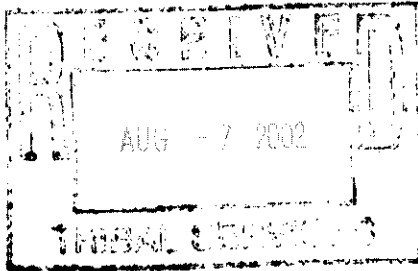
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby encourages each White Mountain Apache woman to exclusively breastfeed each of her children for six months and then continue breastfeeding until at least twelve months of age after the addition of solids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Apache Diabetes Wellness Center to immediately publish the attached Policies and supplemental information to inform each worksite or enterprise of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of these policies and the importance of breastfeeding to the health of the Tribe. These policies are to be implemented on a trial basis for three months and a report is to be made back to the Council of any related challenges or problems before these policies are made permanent.

The foregoing resolution was on July 10, 2002 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

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it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (i), (k), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council