

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is committed to improving the health and well-being of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has utilized research grants and the assistance of the Indian Health Service to develop new programs to identify and effectively respond to health challenges facing its people; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and the cooperation of the Indian Health Service has applied for and received NARCH funding to identify and treat health issues arising within the Tribe's membership and to promote career opportunities for its members in the health care fields; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has a proud history of its efforts and successes in utilizing research funding to identify and treat a range of health maladies for its people, which have been used to the benefit of people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that federal funding, while limited, must be preserved and upgraded for rigorous American Indian health research programs operated by organizations like National Institutes of Health and Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the health of Indian tribe members nationwide continues to significantly lag behind the general U.S. population, and continued medical research funding is one important resource to overcome this chronic problem; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, full research funding is critical and must be maintained.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby expresses its strong opposition to any reduction in federal research funds through the National Institutes of Health and Indian Health Services, as those funds are essential for improvement of the health of Tribal members and as an opportunity for young people to become engaged in healthcare related fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs that this resolution be distributed to the Tribe's congressional delegation as a sign of support for continued full funding for the National Institutes of Health for Tribal health research projects.

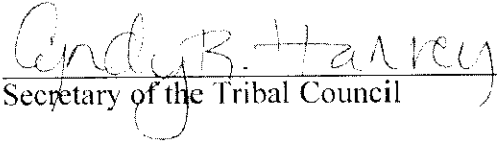
The foregoing resolution was on April 23, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of eight for, zero against and one abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe,

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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