



Resolution No. 02-2006-37

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

**(Approving presentation of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever intervention information at referenced conferences)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Indian Health Service (I H S) during the past several years, an unusually high rate of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) has been reported on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2002, there have been 29 cases of RMSF, primarily among children less than 12 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the average annual incidence of pediatric RMSF in this region is over 500 times higher than the average annual incidence of this disease in children in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe endorsed the RMSF intervention proposal including:

- Animal control program to reduce tick population; and
- Treatment of dogs with effective tick-preventives; and
- Treatment of infested home environments with effective pesticides; and
- Coordinated environmental clean-up campaign; and
- Community education to reduce tick bites; and

**WHEREAS**, the intervention described above involved White Mountain Apache Tribal Departments (Division of Health Programs, Community Health Representatives, Health Education, Resources and Conservation, Housing Authority, KNNB, Apache Scout, Public Works, Landfill), Federal Agencies (I H S, CDC, BIA, USDA-APHIS), and the Arizona Department of Health Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the broad distribution of this common tick raises concerns over its potential to transmit *R. rickettsii* in other similar settings in the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Dickson of the I H S proposes to present information related to the community intervention at the Commissioned Officer Association Conference,

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and the Arizona Vector-Borne Disease Conference that describes the RMSF intervention components in the context of a community health intervention; and

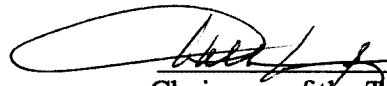
**WHEREAS**, this information will be presented for educational and professional purposes only, and will be in full compliance with the Privacy Act, and will not identify any individual, community, Reservation, or Tribe by name; and

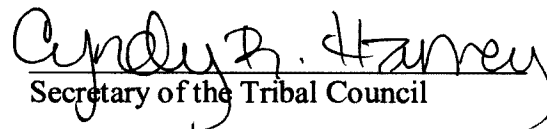
**WHEREAS**, the WMAT Health Advisory Board has reviewed the presentation proposal on February 7, 2006 and advises Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the presentation.

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration the Tribal Council finds the proposed presentation to be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submitted request by I H S for presenting RMSF intervention information at the previously stated conferences.

The foregoing resolution was on February 8, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (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