



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

(Excluding IHS Doctors from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

- WHEREAS,** Indian Health Service (IHS) administrators and regional officers were invited to meet with the Tribal Council to discuss concerns about IHS emergency room wait times, general quality of care, and hospital management problems; and
- WHEREAS,** many Tribal Members have complained about their wait times at the hospital; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has raised issues with IHS regional directors for close to eight months without an adequate response; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has lost confidence in the management of the emergency room at the Hospital on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and a motion was made to exclude Dr. David A. Yost, M.D., and Dr. Stephen A. Savoia, M.D.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council, by the Tribal Constitution Article IV, Section 1(q), is authorized to exclude any "non-member of the Tribe whose presence may be injurious to the people or property of the reservation"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council therefore finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to begin the exclusionary process of Doctors Yost and Savoia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council further finds that IHS management should find suitable replacements that will better understand the needs of the White Mountain Apache people.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Legal Department to begin the exclusionary process against Dr. David A. Yost, M.D. and Dr. Stephen A. Savoia, M.D. with the authority vested in the Tribal Council by the Constitution, Article IV, Section 1(q) in order to prevent future harm and injury to the White Mountain Apache people.

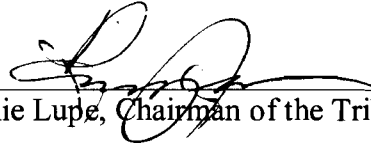
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Resolution shall serve as notice to Indian Health Services management at the local and regional level that the people on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation deserve and demand improved quality of care and services offered at the Whiteriver IHS Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 02-2011-21

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 2, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **TWO** against, and **ONE** abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (q), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council