



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Supporting Arizona Senate Bill 1355)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the powers “To represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, Professional dental care and dental screening are important health benefits for maintenance of good health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (“AHCCCS”), the State’s Medicaid program does not provide dental coverage to adults with the two limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Senate Bill 1355 (attached hereto) would direct the AHCCCS administration to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Service and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services that are eligible for a federal medical assistance percentage of 100%; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed Arizona Senate Bill 1355, and finds that its passage will contribute to the health of the Tribe and is therefore in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council supports Arizona Senate Bill 1355 or similar legislation that would direct the AHCCCS administration to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Service and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services that are eligible for federal medical assistance percentage of 100%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

Resolution No. 05-2019-92

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

The foregoing resolution was on MAY 1, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	
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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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