

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

- WHEREAS, the Indians maintain a special and unique fiduciary relationship with the Federal Government through which progress is largely dependent upon cooperation, patience and mutual understanding and respect, and
- WHEREAS, there has developed between the U. S. Public Health Service and the White Mountain Apaches a relationship which has clearly demonstrated this mutual respect and understanding, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apaches have noted a remarkable rate of progress in the Indian Health Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as well as throughout Arizona, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apaches are now beginning to recognize that preventive health programs and adequate follow-up care are essential and integral supplements to direct medical care in the establishment of a complete medical care program upon which further progress is dependent, and
- WHEREAS, there exists within the White Mountain Apaches basic cultural differences and mental attitudes toward both curative and preventive health programs which are accepted by non-Indians and generally recognized and appreciated by the staff of the U. S. Public Health Service, and
- WHEREAS, the general attitude of the White Mountain Apaches is that they are not ready to accept services in a community hospital, and
- WHEREAS, they prefer and will enter "Indian" hospitals where they can feel more comfortable in a familiar and understanding atmosphere, and
- WHEREAS, any change in the foreseeable future to enforce the Indian to accept services in community hospitals which are not tailored to fit specific needs and in which there is limited or no understanding of our basic culture, our social environmental and economic backgrounds which are essential and integral parts of a complete medical care program would be detrimental to the future health status of the individual Indian as well as to the continued progress of the overall Indian Health Program, and

WHEREAS, it has always been the policy of the U. S. Public Health Service to counsel with the White Mountain Apaches and other Indian Tribal representatives before making any major changes in their health programs, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration Hospitals, military hospitals and Public Health Hospitals in the past have in no respect designated the patients therein as "second class citizens", and

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the White Mountain Apaches that in many instances the health services rendered to Indian patients in community hospitals was inferior to that received by non-Indians.

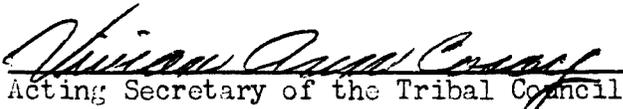
BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apaches concur with the judgment of the U. S. Public Health Service that the most desirable and effective method for providing the health services needed by the Indians in the Southwest requires a medical center in Phoenix, Arizona, staffed and operated by the Public Health Service, which would coordinate and cooperate with the individual Reservation hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council urge the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to encourage the Bureau of the Budget to release "planning money" previously appropriated to develop plans for a new Phoenix Indian Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress be encouraged for early authorization and appropriation of actual construction funds for the construction of a Phoenix Indian Hospital.

The foregoing resolution was on August 1, 1962, duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Acting Secretary of the Tribal Council

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