

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

No. 14-68

WHEREAS: "Operation SAM (Systems Analysis Module), an office of the new Health Program Systems Center of the Division of Indian Health, was activated at the Public Health Service Indian Health Center on the San Xavier Papago Reservation with an overall objective to develop, test and refine optimal ways of planning, budgeting and providing a comprehensive range of health services for our Indian and Alaska Native populations, and

WHEREAS: On May 17, 1967 the Director of the Division of Indian Health announced the proposal to establish an independent area-like organization for the Sells Service Unit--OPSAM operations and directed the Phoenix Area Director and Tribal Affairs Officer to carry this matter to The Papago Council to explain the proposal and to request the Council's acceptance, with the proviso that the proposal be not put into effect until The Papago Council had indicated acceptance, and

WHEREAS: The proposed Health Programs Systems Center would be made up of two organization units: The Sells Service Unit, which includes the Santa Rosa and San Xavier Health Centers as well as the Sells Hospital and OPSAM. The Director of the Center would be responsible for the total operation and accountable directly to the Division Director with the authority of an Area Director. The Center would have its own budget. It would develop its own plan to provide health services to the Papagos. The director would be responsible to see that the Service Unit had the additional necessary staff to assist in the OPSAM projects. In addition, the Phoenix Area Director is to be charged with the responsibility of seeing that the services provided to the Papagos were maintained at an acceptable level, to continue professional consultative services to the Service Unit staff, and to provide required administrative support, and

WHEREAS: The Division of Indian Health has submitted to the Papago Council for its consideration the proposal for inclusion of the Sells Service Unit as an integral part of the newly constituted Health Program Systems Center now headquartered on the San Xavier Papago Reservation, and

WHEREAS: The Papago Council recognizes this as an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the efforts to produce more effective and efficient health services for all Indians through a planned systematic program of change, and

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RES: The Papago Council feels that this participation can be meaningful only if The Papago Council, the District Councils and members of the Papago Tribe can play an active part in the furtherance of understanding and participation in matters of health, and in the future development of the Health Program Systems Center programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL: That, The Papago Council hereby accepts and endorses the proposal of the Division of Indian Health to include the Sells Service Unit as an integral part of the Health Program Systems Center, provided, that

The Papagos participate in all future program development;

The Director of the Center keep the Papagos informed of all project developments through a Papago Affairs or Liaison staff representative;

The Director be responsible for including Papago representatives in the planning for health services for the Papagos, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, The Papago Health and Welfare Board be instructed to work closely with the newly constituted Health Program Systems Center;

The Papago Health and Welfare Board, or a sub-committee of the Board meet at least once a month with the Health Program Systems Center staff, or a committee to be appointed, for the purpose of working jointly with the Papago Committee to insure that the needs of the Papago people, as well as these of the Division of Indian Health, do in fact influence further health programs and do much to further understanding and participation in matters of health which are of grave concern to all.

The foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on April 19, 1968, with a vote of 22 for, 0 not voting, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 2 (a), (e), (f) and (h) of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on January 6, 1937 (Stat. 984) pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency and is not subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Narcho, Secretary

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

By Thomas A. Segundo
Thomas A. Segundo, Chairman

Superintendent, Papago Agency

Approved: _____

Approved as to form: _____

Edward B. Berger, Tribal Attorney