

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

RES. NO. 35-80

1 WHEREAS, the Sells Indian Hospital is equipped to care for 40 inpatients; and
2 WHEREAS, chronic and ongoing staffing problems resulting from low pay and grade
3 classifications have led to a lack of needed laboratory and X-Ray
4 technicians and Director of Nursing, to a low state of morale, and
5 to a decision on April 29, 1980 by all six staff physicians to refer
6 all patients needing inpatient care to off-reservation Indian Health
7 Service and non-Indian Health Service hospital facilities for care; and
8 WHEREAS, this decision, requiring the closing of the Sells Indian Hospital to
9 inpatient care, was not made public until May 8, 1980, at which time
10 the Papago Council ordered a hearing concerning the causes which led to
11 the decision to close the hospital to inpatient care; and
12 WHEREAS, the Papago Council did find that there has been ongoing administrative
13 mismanagement, below grade staffing, inadequate salary levels, low
14 morale and chronic absenteeism resulting from inaction by the responsible
15 Department of Health and Human Services/Health Services Administration/
16 Public Health Service/Indian Health Service/Office of Research and
17 Development/Sells Indian Hospital agencies, which inaction jeopardizes
18 the health and well being of the Papago people, deprives the Papago
19 Tribe of Congressionally mandated health services and requires the
20 transportation of the sick as far as 150 miles away to secure emergency
21 inpatient services.
22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Papago Council that it finds that the
23 conditions at the Sells Indian Hospital create an immediate condition
24 of health emergency; that all responsible officers of the Department
25 of Health and Human Services/Health Services Administration/Public
26 Health Service/Indian Health Service/Office of Research and Development/
27 Sells Indian Hospital be requested to take necessary measures to im-
28 mediately reinstate quality inpatient services at the hospital; that
29 Senator Dennis DeConcini and Congressman Morris K. Udall be advised
30 forthwith of this health emergency and be requested to investigate or
31 call for a congressional investigation into the administration of the
32 hospital; that Enos J. Francisco, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Papago

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Council, with the help of the Executive Health Staff of the Papago Tribe do everything necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on 8th day of May, 1980, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 965 for; 0 against; 0 not voting; and 1 absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (d) & (h) of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe as amended, ratified by the Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984). Said Resolution is not subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior and is effective as of the date of its enactment by the Papago Council.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

Enos J. Francisco, Jr.
Enos J. Francisco, Jr., Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Narcho
Mary Jane Narcho, Secretary

DATE: 5/12/80

1st. Move - Rosemary Lopez

2nd. Move - Alex Juan

DATE: May 8, 1980

RESOLUTION: Vice-Chairman/EHS to work immediately on Sells Indian Hospital Situation
 RESOLUTION or ORDINANCE NO. 35-80

Districts	Representatives	No. of Votes	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
BABOQUIVARI 142	1. Edward N. Kisto (Joann Garcia) 2. Kenneth Chico (Franklin Antone)	71.0 71.0	x x			
CHUKUT KUK 111	1. Rosemary Lopez (Laurence Jose) 2. Harriet Toro (Henry Jose)	55.5 55.5	x x			
GU ACHI 101	1. Angelo Joaquin (Joseph Pete Ramon) 2. Cipriano Manuel (Jonas Robles)	50.5 50.5	x x			
GU VO 51	1. Cross Antone (Juan Joe Cipriano) 2. William Lewis, Sr. (Pauline J, Lewis)	25.5 25.5	x x			
HICKIWAN 78	1. Henry A. Ramon (James Angea) 2. Edward Manuel (Archie Pilone)	39.0 39.0	x x			
PISINEMO 60	1. Lamando Francisco (Herman Lopez) 2. Jose Manuel Jr. ()	30.0 30.0	x x			
SAN LUCY 29	1. Max Jose (Garfield Lenzo) 2. Ricardo M. Baptisto (Albert Gomez)	14.5 14.5	x x			
SAN XAVIER 83	1. John Narcho (Simon Mamake) 2. Arnold Smith (Carmen Mattias)	41.5 41.5	x x			
SCHUK TOAK 76	1. Alex Juan (Francisco Jose Jr.) 2. Ramon Campillo, Jr. (Joann Francisco)	38.0 38.0	x x	(gave vote to	R.Campillo)	x
SELLS 138	1. Andrew M. Patricio (Larry Garcia) 2. Fred Stevens (Jacob Escalante)	69.0 69.0	x x			
SIF OIDAK 96	1. Elliot Lewis (Eugene Jose) 2. Melissa Norris (John N. Jose)	48.0 48.0	x x			
TOTALS		965.0	965	0	0	1