

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1060

WHEREAS, The Papago Tribal Council has received reliable information that there are a number of people living on the Reservation who have contagious tuberculosis, but have refused to be examined, or to be isolated and receive the treatment needed to keep this disease from spreading, thus endangering the health of other residents of the Reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Council believes Reservation residents should be protected as far as possible from exposure to tuberculosis or other contagious diseases, and

WHEREAS, One way to accomplish this is to require residents suffering from such diseases to receive examinations, and to be hospitalized or receive other treatment if needed, and

WHEREAS, While the Council urges that every effort be made to educate the people on the Reservation so those with contagious diseases will cooperate voluntarily in case examination or hospitalization is recommended, but also realizes that there will be some members who refuse to cooperate and who will resist the program of care that is available.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT The following section be added to Chapter V of the Law and Order Code of the Papago Tribe:

"Upon application by any authorized medical officer of the United States, the Papago Tribal Court may issue an order requiring any member subject to the court's jurisdiction who is thought to be suffering from contagious tuberculosis or other contagious disease to undergo such examination as is considered necessary, and if found to be afflicted with contagious tuberculosis or other contagious disease, to undergo such isolation, care, or treatment necessary to protect the community from contagion; provided that any Indian who denies he is afflicted with contagious disease or that he is endangering the health of other persons, is entitled to a fair hearing if he so demands it."

"Any Indian convicted of wilfully disobeying this section shall be considered of an offense and shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$90.00."