

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1265

WHEREAS, recent newspaper stories appearing in the public press have condemned the proposal for a new and larger Indian Medical Center in Phoenix, and have suggested that Indians should receive future medical service and attention in non-Indian community hospitals, and

WHEREAS, there are many members of the Papago Tribe who are not yet ready to accept fully the concepts of modern medicine in surroundings other than that found in "Indian" hospitals, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Papago Tribe believe that a change at this time toward hospitalization in community hospitals would be seriously detrimental to the progress of the Indian health program at the reservation level, and

WHEREAS, members of the Papago Tribe are fully satisfied with the medical service presently rendered by the Public Health Service and do not find such service lacking in any regard, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribal Council is of the opinion that Indians recovering from illness in surroundings which are familiar and well known, as in "Indian" hospitals, will be aided in their convalescence and therapy by such surroundings, and

WHEREAS, the Papago people feel the medical program of the Public Health Service has been making headway and has led to better understanding between the Indians and the Public Health Service and that such service in no way should be terminated, and

WHEREAS, many Indian patients are elderly people who would meet with perplexing and insurmountable problems in non-Indian community hospitals.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Papago Tribal Council expresses its interest and desire for Reservation patients to continue to receive direct and referral services at the Phoenix Indian Hospital, operated, supervised and staffed by the Public Health Service.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Papago Tribal Council approves in full the proposed new Indian Medical Center in Phoenix, also to be operated supervised and staffed by the Public Health Service and also feels that in the foreseeable future there will be a crying need for such Indian medical facility in Phoenix.

LET IT BE STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Papago Tribal Council urges the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and the United States Congress to press for the immediate release of planning money already appropriated for the said new Indian Medical Center in Phoenix and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the above-named officials, as well as to interested members of the United States Congress and the Secretary of the Interior.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on August 3, 1962 with a vote of 19 for and 0 against, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant

to authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (f) and Section 2 (h) of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, (Stat. 98-), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 13, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency and is subject to submission by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to Section 8 of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

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