

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1337

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has recently been advised by Dr. Lewis Patrie, Medical Officer in Charge, at the Sells Indian Hospital, that there will be a reduction in some medical services that can be put off without endangering life or health, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been informed that, unless Congress makes a further appropriation for these medical services, the reductions will continue into the future, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrie has further advised that transportation to the villages on the Papago Reservations in connection with the Hospital Clinic may be reduced, and Dr. Patrie has likewise informed the Tribal Council that the Sells Hospital staff of 61 is being reduced in number to 51 and this is a reduction below what is considered an average staffing pattern in hospitals throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, such reduction in services will seriously affect the life, health and welfare of the Papago people residing on the Reservations and will cause great suffering among the people because they will be unable to obtain the proper medical services and treatment, and

WHEREAS, with the introduction of this reduction in medical services there is no indication that this reduction will not continue indefinitely into the future and will leave the people on the Reservations without proper medical facilities and treatment.

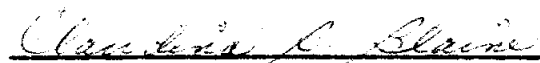
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Papago Council hereby deplores the intolerable situation which will be caused by this reduction in services and which will cause untold suffering and distress among the Papago people on the Reservations, that this proposed reduction in services comes at a time when the population on the Reservations is steadily increasing and these services should be increased rather than be reduced.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be immediately forwarded to Dr. Carruth Wagner, Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, to Hon. Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and to Hon. Morris K. Udall, Member of Congress, appealing to them to restore and continue full medical services in all branches and divisions on the three Papago Reservations for the full and complete protection of life and health and the prevention of disease on all three of the Papago Reservations.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on November 8, 1963, with a vote of 20 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (a), 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.984), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

By: 
Eugene J. Johnson, Chairman


Claudina R. Blaine, Secretary