

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 27-73

WHEREAS; the Papago Council is concerned about improving and expanding the health care on the reservation and recognizes the need to improve the present system of health care, and

WHEREAS; the telecommunications project to be conducted jointly by The Papago Tribe, Indian Health Service and the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, hereby known as (NASA) is a unique effort to expand and extend medical services to the more isolated areas of the reservation and by linkage with specialists at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center in Phoenix and/or the University Medical Center in Tucson, and

WHEREAS; the telecommunications project will attempt to improve the quality of health care and communications on the Papago Reservation by the installation and maintenance of modern communications equipment, including television, voice communication and other patient data such as pulse, heartbeat and temperature which will require the installation of communication towers on Quijotoa Mountains and Mt. Lemmon and access to the use of the communications towers on Kitt Peak or the possible installation of such towers on Kitt Peak, and

WHEREAS; communications equipment will be installed at the Sells Hospital and Santa Rosa Clinic and a fully equipped mobile clinic van to be used throughout various areas of the Papago Reservation with the capacity to communicate to Sells hospital or Santa Rosa Clinic provided that:

1. The Papago Council through the Executive Health Staff will be involved in all phases of the planning, development and operation of the telecommunication project and will keep the Papago Council informed throughout the project by reporting to them at regular intervals.
2. The telecommunications linkage with Phoenix Indian Medical Center and/or the University Medical Center in Tucson (for special consultation) be established during the project.
3. Whenever possible Papagos will be trained and employed in the technical as well as non-technical areas of the telecommunications project.
4. That all possible measures will be taken to maintain patient dignity, privacy and confidentiality of

patient information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Papago Council through the Executive Health Staff hereby authorizes the Executive Health Staff and Chairman of The Papago Council to enter into negotiations with N.A.S.A. and other agencies involved in the telecommunications project.

The foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 4th day of May, 1973 by a vote of 19 for, 0 against, 1 not voting, and 2 absent during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in The Papago Council by Article V, Section 2 (a), (e), (f) and (h) and Section 3 (a) of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Papago Tribe of Arizona ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937 (48 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.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

Augustine B. Lopez
Augustine B. Lopez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Betsy J. Norris
Betsy J. Norris, Secretary

Joseph M. Lucero
Joseph M. Lucero, Superintendent

APPROVED: Aug. 3, 1973

