

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 58-74

WHEREAS, the Papago Council has as one of its objectives to improve the health of the Papago people by providing health services and programs consistent with the goals of the Papago Tribe in developing its human resources; and

WHEREAS, the Papago Council as the major advocate for the Tribe has a particular concern and interest in assuring that comprehensive health and social services for elderly Tribal members be developed, strengthened, supported and protected; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, an Act known as the Older Americans Act of 1965 was created: "To provide assistance in the development of new or improved programs to help older persons through grants to the States for community planning and services and for training, through research, development or training project grants, and to establish within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, an operating agency to be designated as the Administration on Aging"; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act of 1965 and the various amendments continued to support and provide funding from the Administration on Aging to the State governments, and did not provide for any funding to come directly to Tribes as sovereign government bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Papago Council believes and affirms that Tribal sovereignty must be recognized, continued and strengthened, and that Tribes and their health services must not be subject at any time to State or non-Indian control, regulation or interference; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Health Staff authorized under Resolution 43-72 to act on behalf of the Tribe in initiating actions, formulating policy, examining health matters, managing, coordinating, administering and implementing Tribal health programs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Health Staff under said Resolution shall advise the Chairman of the Papago Council or if necessary, the Papago Council on health matters and make recommendations or take direct action on health issues that come to the attention of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Health Staff at various times has informed the Chairman of the Papago Council and the Papago Council, of the serious barriers and problems they encountered with the State at all levels in attempting to get funds for the development of services to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Health Staff has informed the Papago Council that the Older Americans Act of 1965 will be up for Congress review and approval in June of 1975 and has informed the Council that Tribes now have the opportunity to get the Older Americans Act amended; and

WHEREAS, such amendments must assure Indian input and must include the recognition of Tribal governments as sovereign entities and insure direct allocation of funds to Tribes from the Administration on Aging, without going through State approval, review or interference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Papago Council that it requests the National Indian Health Board spearhead and coordinate the various elements that will be required to get the necessary revisions incorporated when the Older Americans Act comes up for revision in 1975 and it furthermore authorizes the Executive Health Staff to work together with the National Indian Health Board to get such revisions in the Older Americans Act of 1965 incorporated so that Tribal governments are given their due recognition as sovereign governmental bodies and so that the Administration on Aging can allocate funds directly to Tribes.

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The foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 6th day of December, 1974 by a vote of 22 for, 0 against, 0 not voting and 0 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

Jacob A. Escalante

Jacob A. Escalante, Chairman

ATTEST:

Delma M. Garcia
Delma M. Garcia, Secretary

Joseph M. [unclear]
Superintendent, Papago Agency

APPROVED: Feb. 18, 1975

