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RESOLUTION NO. 27-93

OPPOSING STATE AHCCCS COST SHIFT TO COUNTIES

WHEREAS, legislative leadership has proposed to avoid increasing state costs in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) by shifting to counties the responsibility for funding 33 percent of state indigent health care costs (a cost shift of \$43 million in FY '94 and increasing in each subsequent year); and

WHEREAS, the legislature is proposing this cost shift in order to fund other state programs and/or reduce income taxes; and

WHEREAS, such a cost shift would force Navajo County to cut essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the future escalation of this cost shift would exceed the growth rate of Navajo County's limited revenues, thus causing a deepening fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, Navajo County's budget is experiencing serious fiscal constraints and is incapable of tolerating any further state cost shifts; and

WHEREAS, legislative leadership is characterizing the AHCCCS cost shift as a county responsibility to "share the pain" while the state is not assuming any of the "pain" as evidenced by the absence of any increased state contribution; and

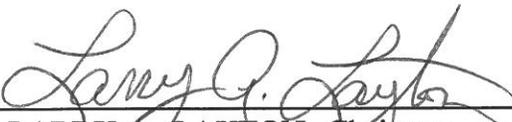
WHEREAS, the well-intended proposal to moderate the impact of this intolerable burden on the counties by shifting their "residual" costs onto private hospitals appears to lack sufficient support to achieve implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes any proposal to shift state health care costs to counties.

PASSED and adopted this 22nd day of February, 1993.

ATTEST:


Sharon R. Keene-Wright, Clerk


LARRY A. LAYTON, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors