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RESOLUTION NO. 105-97

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION" PROGRAM PROPOSAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors is very concerned about the health and well-being of families, youth, and communities in Navajo County;

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the children in Navajo County are being raised in homes that are below the poverty level, and these families are considered to be at-risk for drugs, gang membership, and chronic underemployment;

WHEREAS, health care for low income and near indigent families and dependents is becoming an overwhelming burden to Navajo County resources;

WHEREAS, "Family and Community Connection" is a community-based program designed to equip families and youth with the skills to become self-sufficient and productive members of their communities through training in life skills, mentoring with peer support, and development of a community connection;

WHEREAS, the "Family and Community Connection" will employ a multiplier effect whereby Extension professionals train community-based paraprofessionals and volunteers to teach family and youth life and community involvement skills. Program participants will in turn provide support to other families and youth within a concise mentoring program. Youth and family networks will be formed through community collaboration and partnerships. Families and youth will develop a sense of community and become active partners in the future direction of their respective communities;

WHEREAS, the "Family and Community Connection" will foster family and individual self-sufficiency rather than dependency;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors supports the "Family and Community Connection" program and strongly supports funding of the program by the Arizona Legislature.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18 day of August, 1997.



Jesse Thompson, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Judy Jones
Clerk of the Board