RESOLUTON OF THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Approving a Moratorium on Genetic Research Studies Conducted Within the Jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation Until Such Time that a Navajo Nation Human Research Code has Been Amended by the Navajo Nation Council

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§451 and 454(B)(8), the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is established with oversight authority over the Division of Health and the Division of Social Services; and

2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §454(B)(6), the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to recommend legislation relating to health, environmental health and social services; and

3. On October 10, 1995, the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council by Resolution HSSCO-108-95 and on October 25, 1995, the Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CO-106-95, approved the Navajo Nation Health Research Code. Resolutions HSSCO-108-95 and CO-106-95 are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

4. In August 2001, the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation Health Research Review Board held a joint work session in which the Committee directed the Review Board not to consider any investigations, research or studies regarding genetics; and

5. The Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council further directed the Navajo Nation Health Research Review Board to develop educational materials to inform the Navajo public through media and public forums prior to developing the Navajo Nation policy on genetic studies; and

6. The Navajo Nation Health Research Review Board agrees with and supports the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to impose a moratorium to genetic research and study. The Navajo nation Health Research Review Board is coordinating with the Navajo Division of Health Office of Planning, research and Evaluation, the amendment of the Navajo nation Health Research Code, including genetic research related protocols.

NOW THEREFORE BE IR RESOLVED THAT:

The Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves a moratorium on genetic investigations, research or studies that are conducted within the Navajo Nation until such time that a Navajo Nation Health Research Code has been amended and approved by the Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Montezuma Creek, Navajo Nation (Utah), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 2nd day of April, 2002.

Jerry Freddie, Chairperson
Health and Social Services Committee

Motion: Annie Descheny
Second: Harry Hubbard