

Arizona Public Health Association
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ARIZONA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS

- WHEREAS, Arizona's rural and urban inner city areas suffer from higher unemployment rates, higher percentages of people living in poverty, lower educational attainment, overcrowded housing, higher percentage of ethnic minorities and the elderly, and
- WHEREAS, Arizona suffers from a significant maldistribution of health manpower in these areas, and
- WHEREAS, The Arizona Legislature has previously acknowledged the State's unmet health care needs and access problems, and
- WHEREAS, The Federal government has acknowledged the gravity of the problem of maldistribution of health care professionals in Arizona, and has funded for a limited time the establishment of Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), and
- WHEREAS, The Arizona Area Health Education Center (AzaHEC) Program is designed to reduce the maldistribution of health care professionals by providing a learning resource system in underserved areas for the various health professionals, including dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, health education, social work, health service administration, medical social sciences, physical therapy, allied health, dental hygiene and nutrition, and
- WHEREAS, Over 30 states now have AHECs, many with state financial support,
- THEREFORE, The Arizona Public Health Association believes that the AzaHEC Program is meeting an urgent state need and encourages the Arizona State Legislature to provide financial support to expand and continue this program in Arizona.

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8-21-87, to be presented to the
membership for approval at the
next Annual Meeting.

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the 1987 Annual Meeting, 9/16/87

APPROVED: Pat Zurich 9-16-87
Executive Secretary

NOT APPROVED: _____