

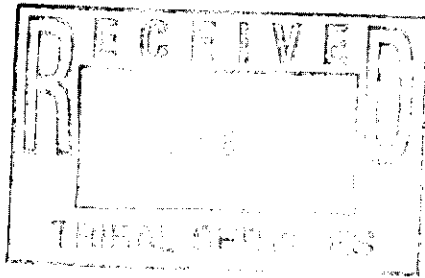
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are duly elected representatives of the people of their respective districts; and, among the many issues of concern to the Tribal Council are the health and well-being of its Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as stated in Tribal Council Resolution No. 08-2000-247, has elected to partner with the Johns Hopkins University to establish Native American Research Centers of Health (NARCH) to combat Tribally determined priority health issues through sound research methods; and
- WHEREAS,** working together as partners, various representatives of the Tribe, including public servants, tribal officials, government workers, individual Tribal members, and the Johns Hopkins University have agreed that, under the overarching "Family Strengthening" theme of the grant proposal Injury Prevention is one of four priority research components; and
- WHEREAS,** among American Indians, unintentional (accidental) injuries are the third leading cause of death with mortality and morbidity rates that are several-fold that of the national average, and fatal injuries, which disproportionately affect Indian youths, result in many years of life lost, and those most affected by unintentional injuries are young children who are more vulnerable to preventable injuries caused by vehicle crashes, fires and burns, and falls, yet little is known about how to implement proven effective prevention strategies; and
- WHEREAS,** in the Injury Prevention research theme, it is proposed that an epidemiology study of childhood injuries be conducted to precisely describe this problem using all available data from the IHS, the law enforcement agencies, and as many other sources as possible so that, from the results of this study, appropriate and effective strategies can be developed that will lead to the reductions in the rates of morbidity and mortality of injuries to young children; and
- WHEREAS,** the most effective strategies to prevent injuries are believed to reside in members of the Tribe residing in the communities where these injuries occur, and involving them in focus groups, discussions, interviews, and responding to survey questionnaires will assist immensely in the development of culturally-specific, localized, effective prevention strategies; and
- WHEREAS,** an Advisory Panel composed of local community members will be seated to advise and guide those conducting this study, many of whom will be Apache Tribal members, who will collect the large volume of data for this study and will receive prior training in data collection so that data can be collected effectively and reliable.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it agrees and supports the concept that the Injury Prevention investigative theme is an appropriate

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and necessary component of the overarching "Family Strengthening" theme of the grant proposal and that unintentional injuries to young children are problems towards which members of the communities can make significant contributions in finding strategies that will lead to reductions in their high rates of morbidity and mortality.

The foregoing resolution was on November 27, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council