

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

**(Authorizing Participation in the University of North Dakota
National Resource Center on Native American Aging
Native Elder Health and Social Needs Assessment Project)**

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council by previous resolution endorsed and initiated the Older American Act's Title VI Part A, Part C and Title II Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council to continue to endorse the Older American Act's Title VI and Title III Program in order to promote the delivery of Nutritional and Home and Community Based Services to Native Americans aged sixty (60) years and older; and

WHEREAS, long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home and community based services and other in-home services, is an emergency unmet need with Native American elders; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Dakota (UND) National Resource Center on Native American Aging has been awarded a grant through the Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of Native American elderly and assist Tribes in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for the Title VI and Title III, AoA grants; and

WHEREAS, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native American elder health care needs:

- o General Health Status
- o Activities of Daily Living
- o Visual, Hearing and dental
- o Tobacco and Alcohol use
- o Nutrition, Exercise and Excess Weight
- o Social Support, Housing and Work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the grant to the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging is asking the Tribes throughout the nations to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of Native American and Alaska Native elders nations wide, in which the University and the Tribe will each assume responsibilities:

What the University of North Dakota will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of Tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native American elders social and health needs assessment
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to Tribal leaders and services providers; and

WHEREAS, summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the Tribal needs assessments, will be returned to the Tribal aging program; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by Tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes participation in the “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” Native American elders social and health needs assessment. The Tribal Council grants permission to the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregated format from analyses of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that specific information obtained in this survey belongs to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional Tribal authorization.

The foregoing resolution was on JANUARY 6, 2005 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (h), (i), (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

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