



Resolution No. 01-2006-07

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

(Approving Implementation of a Study on the Effects of Smoke on the Health of Apache Firefighters)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Cancer Research Partnership (NACRP), a partnership between the University of Arizona Cancer Center (AZCC), Northern Arizona University (NAU), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) is dedicated to alleviating the unequal burden of cancer among underserved populations, and the wildfire smoke contains substances capable of causing cancer; and

WHEREAS, Jefferey L. Burgess, M.D., MPH (AZCC) and Marin Robinson, PhD (NAU) of the NACRP have proposed to conduct an evaluation of the smoke produced during fires and the effects of smoke exposures to the firefighters working for the Fort Apache Agency who agree and give their consent to be evaluated; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Hubbard-Pourier, Jefferey L. Burgess, and Marin Robinson did this day present the proposal to the Tribal Council Members, detailing the samples and questionnaires that will be collected from the firefighters and from the smoke produced during the fire, and the intention of offering training in the collection of these samples to local individuals and Apache college students attending the University of Arizona or Northern Arizona University, and giving assurances that the personal identifiers will be removed from the samples and that only Dr. Burgess will have the list that links the firefighter with the samples; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports carefully designed research projects to evaluate health problems which exist in the population and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the proposed study to be in the best interests of Apache firefighters and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

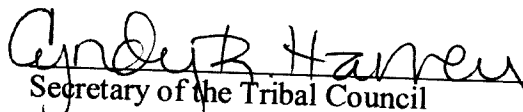
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Jefferey L. Burgess and Marin Robinson are hereby authorized to implement the study of the effects of firefighting smoke on the Apache firefighters.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the approval provided herein is subject to the proviso that NCARP report back to the Tribal Council on any findings resulting from the study's implementation and if NCARP seeks to publish any report related to the study's implementation.

The foregoing resolution was on January 4, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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