



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

(Authorizing JHU-WMAT Submission of NARCH V Grant)

- 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,** 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 Council are the health and well-being of its Tribal Members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports efforts that increase health-related educational and training opportunities for its tribal members since educated and trained individuals can apply and teach their learning to others in the tribe so that the overall health of the tribe can be improved;
- WHEREAS,** the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) jointly operate and fund a Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) program which awards on a competitive basis funds to develop and implement tribally-controlled health research activities and training; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with NARCH guidelines and based on its long-standing relationship in addressing priority issues of the tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to continue its successful NARCH partnership with Johns Hopkins University (Resolution No. 08-2000-247) through an application for NARCH V; and
- WHEREAS,** the NARCH V *WMAT-JHU NARCH Student and Faculty Development Program* will build on previous NARCH Student and Faculty Development efforts by supporting a two-pronged effort with formal public health science training for Apaches at Johns Hopkins University, paired with community-based training and education for health leaders and emerging scholars on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins University have partnered to conduct landmark research over the years, the NARCH V *WMAT-JHU NARCH Bioinformatics Training Program* will be aimed at transferring research autonomy to the White Mountain Apache health and science leadership by building local skills in data collection, analysis, management and reporting; and
- WHEREAS,** the NARCH V proposed *Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Prevention of Intentional Injury in Apache Youth* will seek to better understand self-injurious behaviors, which the White Mountain Apache youth suicide prevention project ("Celebrating Life," a component of NARCH III) has observed to be frequent among Apache youth, and employ a community process to design an intervention for at-risk youth to prevent such self-injurious behaviors in the future; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed NARCH V research project, *Community Based Participatory Approach to Preventing Early Childhood Obesity and Oral Disease through a Paraprofessional Delivered Home Visiting Intervention* will seek to promote healthy infant feeding and oral health practices. Local Apache paraprofessionals will work with first-time mothers to promote optimal infant nutrition and prevention of oral diseases, as a primary prevention strategy to reduce lifetime obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other health problems.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the NARCH V funding application in its entirety and supports the two training and two research proposals outlined above to be submitted to the NIH/I.H.S.

The foregoing resolution was on April 9, 2008, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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