

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

(Approving Indian Health Service Hospital manuscript)

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 Triba are duly elected representatives of the people and their respective districts; and among their many concerns are the health and well-being of its Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports successful programs in preventive health; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteriver I.H.S. Service Unit in partnership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe leads the nation in adult pneumococcal vaccination rates above those of other tribes and among the highest rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marc Traeger, Verna Hastings and colleagues have produced a manuscript entitled: "Achievement of Healthy People 2010 Objective for Adult Pneumococcal Vaccination in an American Indian Community" that describes and documents adult pneumococcal vaccination program and vaccination rates among the White Mountain Apache people; and

WHEREAS, no personal identifiers are indicated or referenced and all information contained in the manuscript and any subsequent presentation is submitted for the purpose of promoting successful vaccination programs, finding new successful strategies to improve vaccination rates and diminish the problems associated with pneumonia and pneumococcal disease; and

WHEREAS, the manuscript will be submitted for publication in a scientific journal by Dr. Marc Traeger, Physician and Preventive Medical Officer and Verna Hastings, Nursing Supervisor at the Whiteriver Service Unit, Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Health Board reviewed and supported the proposal and protocol for the manuscript and symposium presentation at the Health Board meeting on January 29, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the manuscript submitted for publication and presentation at the Commissioned Officers Association scientific assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. <u>03-2009-73</u>

The foregoing resolution was on March 18, 2009, 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), (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 Cour

Secretary of the Tribal Council