



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

(Authorizing JHU-WMAT Submission of NARCH VI 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 the Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports carefully designed research projects which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports efforts that increase health-related education 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; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Indian Health Services (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 with Johns Hopkins 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 VI; and
- WHEREAS,** the *NARCH VI WMAT-JHU NARCH Student and Faculty Development Program* will build on previous NARCH Student and Faculty Development efforts by sponsoring 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 Tribe Reservation. A new focus will be on building local skills in data collection, analysis, management and reporting, through the development of an Apache-run data center on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the *NARCH VI proposal Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Preventing High Risk and Self-Injurious Behaviors Among Apache Youth* will seek to better understand high risk, 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 youth. The study will investigate risks and

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triggers for binge-drinking, intentional self-injury, and other high risk behaviors among Apache youth; and employ a community process to design an intervention for at-risk youth to prevent such behaviors and their impact on youth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the proposed NARCH VI research project, *A community-based participatory research approach to preventing early childhood obesity and oral disease among WMAT mothers and their infants* will seek to promote health infant feeding and oral health practices. Local Apache paraprofessionals will work with first-time mothers to promote optimal infant nutrition and prevention of oral disease, as a primary prevention strategy to reduce lifetime obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other health problems; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins University have partnered to conduct landmark research over the years, the NARCH VI WMAT-JHU *Continued Prevention of Pneumococcal Disease among Apache Families* will be aimed at understanding the impact of a new vaccine called PCV13 on the burden or pneumococcal disease among White Mountain Apache communities. The vaccine has been designed to provide expanded coverage against pneumococcal strains that are now commonly found in Apache communities. Knowledge gained from this study will contribute to the ultimate goal of preventing pneumococcal disease among WMA people, among other Native communities and potentially around the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the NARCH VI 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.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on April 23, 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), (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