



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

(Approving Application for OJJDP FY 09 Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research/Evaluation Program)

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 White Mountain Apache Tribe has a compelling interest in protecting tribal youth and in promoting the understanding of tribal youth, their families, and communities, their delinquency and victimization risks in order to identify the programs, systems, and strategies that would work to prevent or reduce delinquency and victimization in the Fort Apache Indian Reservation communities; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache tribal youth face a multitude of causal factors and environmental conditions that are extremely detrimental to their physical, mental, spiritual, and social well being with high rates of suicide, crime, violence, substance abuse, gang involvement, victimization, and involvement in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice agency has announced availability of funding under their Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), titled the *OJJDP FY 09 Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program* (Funding Opportunity No. OJJDP-2009-2235); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Planning Office grant writer, Bernadette A. SantaMaria, (after consultation with local and outside entities) has determined that a collaborative fieldwork research study involving local and university departments to research, evaluate, and identify the needs and status of the Fort Apache Indian reservation communities tribal youth for the planning of programming and future grant application purposes; and

WHEREAS, the grant program named above recommends that an Institutional Review Board (IRB) must review any project involving the use of human research subjects, in accordance with U.S. Department of Justice regulations (28 C.F.R. Part 46) that is not required prior to application; and

WHEREAS, the OJJDP grant instructions requires a tribal resolution (draft or enacted) approving the research study and design, and given the grant application deadline (June 15, 2009) which requires electronic submission prior to the deadline; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribe's Planning Office grant writer has identified a funding need for the Tribe to research, evaluate, and identify the needs and status of the Fort Apache Indian reservation communities tribal youth for the planning of programming and future grant application purposes and the U.S. Department of Justice agency has announced availability of funding under their Office of Justice Programs.

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Office grant writer will coordinate with the IRB of the collaborating university and the Tribe's Heritage Resource Protection Committee their review of the protocol and approvals for this study.

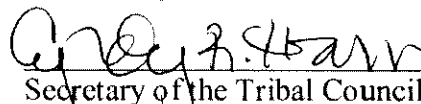
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The Tribe's Planning Office grant writer, Bernadette A. SantaMaria is hereby authorized to develop a grant proposal, prepare a budget, and submit the grant application to the FY 09 *OJJDP Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program*, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, to request funding of up to \$ 500,000 with no matching fund or cost reimbursement requirement for up to a four-year project.
2. The grant fund, if awarded, from the Office of Justice Programs, under the U.S. Department of Justice agency will be accepted by the White Mountain Apache Tribe subject to the terms and conditions of the grant and upon a review by the Tribe's Legal Department.
3. Bernadette A. SantaMaria, a tribal member with university degree and fieldwork study experience, member of the Culture Advisory Board and Heritage Protection Committee, will be the Project Manager for the tribal youth study and is authorized to recruit, confer with consultants, apply for IRB approvals with the university and to coordinate and conduct the study.
4. The publication of a refereed journal article and/or other article based on this study (authored or co-authored by the project manager) is hereby approved upon final review by the Heritage Resource Committee.
5. To address the involvement of the local departments (tribal, state, or federal) for this study, the WMA Tribal Council, concluding that this study will be utilized and beneficial for everyone concerned, hereby recommends that the following entities (not limited to those listed) provide Letters of Support/Cooperation, reports, responses to survey questions, and other requested information for this study: Indian Health Service, Apache Behavioral Health Services, Eagle Dancer program, Social Services, Division of Health, Tribal Court staff, Police Department, Johns Hopkins Program, and all reservation schools.

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 document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on June 3, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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),(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