



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

(Authorizing Johns Hopkins to Supplement Cradling Our Future Initiative With Fathers Project)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) 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 carefully designed research projects which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2000 the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins have collaborated in order to work with and provide assistance to young parents on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health has been collaborating with the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the "Cradling Our Future" initiative, aimed at improving the health of young parents and their children, since 2005; and
- WHEREAS,** Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health has received supplemental funding from the NIH to amend Cradling Our Future to add a component for fathers of the babies and male partners of the mothers in Cradling Our Future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cradling Our Future Amendment proposes to:
- (1) explore fathers' and community stakeholders' beliefs and motivations regarding drug use and fatherhood; and
 - (2) describe drug use of men who fathered a child with and/or are male partners of young mothers already enrolled in the Cradling Our Future study; and
 - (3) examine relationships between fathers' drug use patterns and their fatherhood roles, parenting practices, and levels of involvement with children; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendment also aims to design a family strengthening intervention to improve fathers' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to drug refusal and avoidance, child involvement, effective parenting, job readiness and improving home environments; and
- WHEREAS,** the study amendment for fathers is scheduled to begin in October, 2009, provided that the Tribal Council acts to support this measure; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to support Johns Hopkins Cradling Our Future initiative and further finds the amendment to Cradling Our Future to be agreeable and in line with Tribal objectives to provide optimal support to young parents on the Reservation.

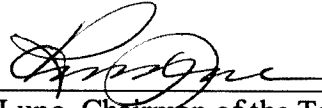
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Fathers Amendment to the Cradling Our Future study in order to provide young Tribal member parents with the tools necessary to adequately care for themselves and their children.

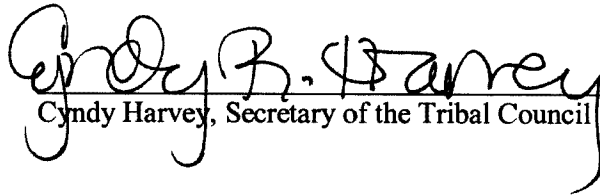
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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 October 8, 2009 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (i), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



Cindy Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council