



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

**(Reducing Cancer Disparities through Outreach, Research and Training)**

- 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 Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), an organization of 20 Tribal governments in Arizona, provides a forum for Tribal governments to advocate for national, regional and specific Tribal concerns and to join in united action to address these issues; and
- WHEREAS,** the member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona have the authority to act to further their collective interests as sovereign Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, a member of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., has seen an increase in cancer related incidents, resulting in late stage diagnosis and referrals off the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer has led to death for some Tribal Members and has significantly impacted the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is willing to work with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) through the Southwest American Indian Collaborative Network (SAICN) that proposes a community-based, participatory, research (CBPR) project to examine cancer prevention and the use of the HPV vaccine among American Indians, as part of the research efforts of the proposed regional Center for Reducing Cancer Disparities through Outreach, Research and Training; and
- WHEREAS,** while tremendous advancements have occurred in cancer prevention research, the recent availability of the HPV vaccine raises many questions, concerns and opportunities for individual, family, and community dialogue on cancer awareness, screening, and prevention; and
- WHEREAS,** not much is known about the information and resources that are used by young women and their families on the Reservation and Tribal Members are increasingly having to make complicated decisions regarding use of vaccines and the obstacles that must be overcome for successful treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** additional research is needed to fully understand the social and cultural factors that take part in the decision making process regarding the use of vaccines; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to improve our understanding of how vaccines and other preventative measures are considered and applied on the Reservation, the following objectives must be met:
1. A strong community-based research infrastructure must be established that will support the development and implementation of large scale case-control studies.
  2. Research must be conducted on the effectiveness of an education and empowerment intervention on cervical cancer risk reduction knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors, including:
    - a. The level of knowledge and attitudes regarding the HPV vaccine among Native American girls and their parents.
    - b. The barriers to initiation and completion of the HPV vaccine series among Native American girls living on the Reservation.

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- c. The factors increasing completion of the HPV vaccine series among Native American girls
- d. The effectiveness of a educational intervention in increasing knowledge of cervical cancer risk factors.
- e. The acceptance and use of HPV vaccine, and ultimately, a reduction in cervical cancers among American Indian girls

; and

**WHEREAS,** expected outcomes of this study include a community designed approach to increased cervical cancer awareness and risk reduction knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors including HPV vaccination when compared to the current standard of care for HPV vaccine awareness and use; and

**WHEREAS,** this project is endorsed and was passed by the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Health Board and recommends that the Tribal Council support this Resolution effectively authorizing the Tribe to work with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona in an effort to carry out research on behalf of the Southwest American Indian Community Program Center to reduce cervical cancer and other cancers affecting the White Mountain Apache Tribe and its community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to approve this cancer research project for the benefit of all Tribal Members and to provide an opportunity for researchers to help reduce cancer on the Reservation.

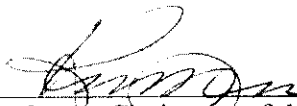
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves a partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., to conduct a research project on the Southwest American Indian Community Network Program aimed at reducing cervical cancer and other forms of cancer that are currently affecting members of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Community.

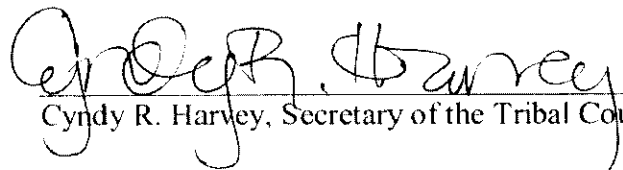
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. efforts in applying for the RFA-09-032 Community Networks Program (CNP) Centers for Reducing Cancer Disparities through Outreach, Research and Training.

**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 December 14, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1(a), (b), (d), (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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Cyndy R. Harvey, Secretary of the Tribal Council