

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

(Supporting the Arizona Center for the National Children's Study at the University of Arizona to Examine the Effects of the Environment on Children's Health and Development)

- WHEREAS, members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("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 ("Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS, the Arizona Center for the National Children's Study (NCS) at the University of Arizona has been awarded a contract to examine the effects of the environment on children's health and human development in Apache County; and
- **WHEREAS**, the goal of the NCS Apache County study will provide unique insight into the health issues and disparities that affect children; and
- WHEREAS, actual participation of White Mountain Apache Tribal members will be based on the random selection of communities within Apache County; and
- WHEREAS, study principal investigators will work in partnership with local community stakeholders and follow the research protocols of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Institutional Review Board (IRB) process which entails following all IRB protocols and adhering to all the research ethics, including privacy and confidentiality of the participants; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to include Tribal Members for participation in the study in order to encourage potential benefits and long-term positive impacts on the community and members of Apache County. Ultimately, the study will help local communities prevent health problems and keep families healthy.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the implementation of the National Children's Study of Apache County and authorizes the inclusion of its tribal members in the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the National Children's Study to examine the effects of the environment on children's health and development and to determine the effects of environment on the mental and physical growth of children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs 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 Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>SEPTEMBER 7, 2011</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention 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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council