

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

(Approving a Partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the University of Arizona to Conduct the Research Project, "Complementary and Alternative Therapies Use in the White Mountain Apache Tribal Community")

- whereas, the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe established by Executive Order on November 9, 1891, whose tribal lands span across Apache, Gila and Navajo Counties, totaling 1.6 million acres located on parts of their ancestral homelands; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a member of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. ("ITCA"); and
- WHEREAS, the ITCA is 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 ITCA have the authority to act to further their collective interests as sovereign Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS, the ITCA houses the American Indian Research Center for Health ("AIRCH") which is funded under the Native American Research Center for Health ("NARCH") initiative and has been instrumental in promoting quality community-based participatory research in American Indian communities; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is interested in understanding how the use of complementary and alternative therapies may assist in developing and expanding appropriate health services to meet community members' needs; and
- WHEREAS, the ITCA, through the ITCA American Research Center for Health and with the University of Arizona proposes a community-based, participatory, research ("CBPR") project to examine knowledge, attitude and beliefs of tribal members pertaining to the use of complementary and alternative therapies used in the tribe's provision of health services; and
- WHEREAS, the specific aims of this study are:
  - 1) to assess, measure and thereby quantify and qualify the tribe's knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs of complementary and alternative therapies use; and
  - 2) to establish an infrastructure that promotes community-based research to support the development and implementation of larger scale longitudinal studies; and

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WHEREAS, this project will provide tribal leadership with data interpretations that will allow for informed decision making regarding complementary and alternative therapies use and the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to support the partnership's effort as described herein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it will work with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the University of Arizona to be a partner in the Research Project, "Complementary and Alternative Therapies Use in the White Mountain Apache Tribal Community" funded through the ITCA AIRCH and by grant number U26IHS3002683 from the Indian Health Services.

**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>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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), (j), (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

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council