



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

*A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance  
Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation*

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## **Resolution No. 10-2013-206**

### **(Authorizing Participation in the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging Native Elder Health and Social Needs Assessment Project)**

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council by previous Resolution endorsed and initiated the Older American Act's Title VI Part A, Part C and Title II Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** long-term is the intention of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council to continue to endorse the Older American Act's Title IV and Title III Program in order to promote the delivery of Nutritional and Home and Community Based Services to Native American aged Fifty Five (55) years and older; and
- WHEREAS,** long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, in a emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii national Resource centers on Native aging have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging. Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical Assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and
- WHEREAS,** the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs, general health status; activities of daily living; visual, hearing, and dental; tobacco and alcohol use, nutrition, exercise, and excess weight, social support, housing, and work; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to providing technical assistance the grant to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii resource center on Native aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate of the research; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii national resource centers on Native aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate on a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which the resource Centers and the Tribe/Consortium will each assume responsibilities: What the Resource Center will provide: needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via

email or telephone, data entry and analysis data storage production of tables and comparisons with national statistic; What each Tribe consortium will provide: a tribal resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable, a list of elders to interview, interviewers or volunteer to conduct the survey, interpretation of the results with local input, development of recommendations for actions, dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and

**WHEREAS,** summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

**WHEREAS,** the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/Consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet destroyed after a period of ten years.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache that it hereby authorizes the White Mountain Apache Elderly Services Program's participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Native elder social and health needs assessment. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation belongs to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional tribal council authorization.

**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 supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign.

The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 2, 2013** duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for and **ZERO** against and **ONE** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, 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

10/8/13  
Date

  
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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

10/07/2013  
Date