

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of a Two Part Study on Pneumococcal Pneumonia)

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Tribal Members is a continued concern to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins in partnership have conducted extraordinary research over the past 35 years to prove the effectiveness of various vaccines utilized across the United States and Internationally; and

WHEREAS, pneumococcal disease among the White Mountain Apache community is continuously monitored due to the burden of disproportionately high rates primary in WMA adults 18+years compared with the general US population; and

**WHEREAS,** in spite of the routine utilization and preventive effects of PCV13 for pneumococcus, vaccine-type disease is persisting; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health is proposing a two part study:

- Part I to estimate the burden of pneumococcal pneumonia in adults and to evaluate the effectiveness of PCV13 for the prevention of hospitalized pneumococcal pneumonia in older adults.
- Part II to assess whether there is more 'escape' vaccine serotype pneumococcal transmission than is presently thought to occur and whether this is likely causing an unmeasured disease burden in some age groups.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to conduct the two part PCV13 pneumococcal efficacy and transmission studies in order to grasp a better understanding of this persistent disease among the White Mountain Apache community.

**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, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed 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 Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

## Resolution No. <u>01-2015-03</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JANUARY 14, 2015</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>ELEVEN</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ZERO</u> abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date