



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amendments to White Mountain Apache Tribe's Celebrating Life Suicide Surveillance System)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the efforts and assistance that Johns Hopkins has given to the White Mountain Apache Tribe to identify health problems which exist in the community and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council established the Suicide Task Force in 2001 and created the Suicide Task Force Intake Referral Form to manually track suicidal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council along with the Suicide Task Force requested the assistance of Johns Hopkins in 2002 to work with the Task Force to seek funding to support, create and maintain a data surveillance system to track suicidal behaviors among the Apache people and to develop prevention/intervention measures necessary to alleviate this health concern; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved on February 8, 2006 the new Celebrating Life Registry Intake Form for the data base and also approved on September 26, 2006 a proposal from the Suicide Task Force and Johns Hopkins to expand and extend (implementation of the Celebrating Life follow-up form) the efforts undertaken in the Celebrating Life Program per Resolution 09-2006-333; and

WHEREAS, suicidal ideation and behaviors may have a contagious nature resulting in geospatial clusters. To evaluate whether these types of patterns exist in the Celebrating Life registry data, we proposed to add GPS coordinates to the follow up and death forms in 2013 which council approved and an amendment to Resolution 05-2012-64 was to reflect this implementation; and

WHEREAS, since the approval of this amendment, the Celebrating Life staff have collected coordinates (i.e., latitude, longitude) for over 100 events; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins is requesting permission to analyze the geospatial data described above which will allow us to report back to the Health Board and Tribal Council on patterns and trends on suicidal behaviors within the community. In addition information about such patterns and trends could inform prevention efforts and allow for targeted services.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves for the analysis of geographical coordinates in the effort to identify patterns and trends within the Apache community and develop targeted services.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that for the safety and wellbeing of our tribal members, the White Mountain Apache Tribe with Johns Hopkins are working collaboratively to alleviate this health concern.

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 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.

The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 20, 2016 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO 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).

	<u>5/17/16</u>		<u>5/19/2016</u>
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date