



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amendments to Injury Prevention Needs Assessment)

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 of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for over 35 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Unintentional Injury Needs Assessment demonstrating the burden of injuries in the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) population and to identify opportunities to reduce injuries study which was approved in July 2013 by Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the study aims focus on:

Aim 1: Provide an overview of the available WMAT data on injury epidemiology.

Aim 2: Conduct an in-depth literature review to identify evidence-based injury prevention programs targeting the American Indian population.

Aim 3: Conduct key informant interviews to identify resources, assets, and barriers for injury prevention within the existing WMAT infrastructure.

Aim 4: Prepare and deliver a presentation outlining results from Aims 1-3 to WMAT Tribal Council.

Aim 5: Prepare and disseminate a summary report for heads of relevant health and human service agencies outlining plans to address injury priorities for WMAT as determined by the Tribal Council, key stake holders and Indian Health Service (IHS) staff.

WHEREAS, we are requesting two amendments to the study:

- 1) Amendment 1: We respectfully request permission from the tribe to access WMAT death data from IHS (and other sources if applicable), motor vehicle crash data from the police department and fire data from the fire department. We currently have ample information on injury visits to the ER, but need access to additional data sources to correctly characterize fatal injuries, motor vehicle crashes and fire related-injuries. We would also like to review the involvement of alcohol, which will be very informative in the development of interventions.
- 2) Amendment 2: We respectfully request permission to review intentional injury data (such as suicidal or homicidal behaviors or domestic violence) from the following sources: WMAT ER data, death records, motor vehicle. It is often difficult to discern intentional injuries from unintentional injuries and excluding these from the needs assessment may present a partial picture of the true injury burden within the WMAT. We would also like to review the involvement of alcohol, which will be very informative in the development of interventions. Including all available injury data in the needs assessment will provide the Tribal Council, stakeholders, and IHS staff with the information they need to address injury priorities.

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WHEREAS, data analyses will be de-identified and maintained with the highest standards of confidentiality. When first analyses are complete, the local JHU Apache study team with our JHCAIH technical advisors will present data to the Tribal Council and Health Board for feedback and discussion of recommended next steps for prevention.


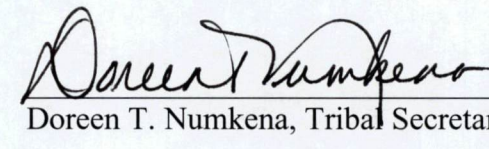
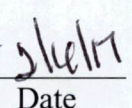
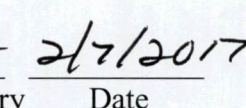
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the amendments to the Unintentional Injury Needs Assessment project to better understand the injury needs within the Apache community.

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 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 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).

	
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
	
Date	Date