Resolution No. 07-2016-163

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(HUBS Grant Proposal)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for more than 35 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked effortlessly to address the high rates of suicidal behaviors among the Apache people; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribes suicide surveillance system and suicide prevention research includes a robust tribally mandated suicide surveillance and case management system that is gaining interest as model for suicide prevention throughout Native American communities ; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") has announced the ***Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth*** which seeks to establish Collaborative Hubs to conduct research focused on reducing the burden of suicide and promoting resilience among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth; and

WHEREAS, the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health in partnership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe is requesting to submit the HUB grant proposal to establish a collaborative network of tribal leaders, investigators, interventionists, service providers and service users in the Southwest region to: 1) develop and test preventive strategies that can sustainably reduce the burden of youth suicide and promote resilience in American Indian/Alaska Native communities; 2) conduct outreach and dissemination to promote additional tribal community engagement in research activities; and, 3) enable community decision makers to used science-based information to formulate mental health policies and programs to reduce suicide; and

WHEREAS, Core research partners in this Hub include the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation and the Center for American Indian Health —who have a 30+ year trust relationship to develop, test and scale strategies to address tribal health disparities. Satellite partners including the San Carlos Apache, Hualapai Tribe, and Cherokee Nation will engage over the grant period in developing local suicide prevention research capacity and contribute to determining policies and best practices to reduce youth suicide burden.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the National of Institutes ***Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth*** funding application in its entirety and supports the research proposal outlined above to be submitted to the NIH funding agency.

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 **JULY 18, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstention 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: 7/22/16

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary — Date: 7/22/2016