



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## ( Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Request )

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**WHEREAS,** according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (“RMSF”) is a bacterial disease group known as rickettsioses spread through the bite of an infected brown tick – symptoms include fever and headache, rash, nausea, vomiting, stomach or muscles pain and lack of appetite, but can rapidly progress to a serious illness that may leave patients with permanent damages, including amputation of arms, legs, fingers or toes (from damaged to blood vessels in these areas); hearing loss; paralysis; mental disability, and 20-25% of untreated cases will be fatal with the most deaths occurring within the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> day of illness; and

**WHEREAS,** RMSF has plagued the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“FAIR”) since 2003 with 388 confirmed cases and 23 fatalities; and

**WHEREAS,** due to lack of funding for resources, limited amounts of pesticide and tick collars are available on the FAIR. The current program is in need of improved surveillance in order to focus prevention measures in a more targeted manner. The program also needs to the ability to seek out additional resources; and

**WHEREAS,** the Washington State University, Department of Veterinary Science is currently seeking ways to prevent RMSF and is seeking collaborations opportunities with the Tribe and are willing to provide assistance such as test ticks for surveillance purposes and other activities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concurs with the issues presented by the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Program and finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to delegate additional authority to the Division of Health Programs Director to seek additional support and funding opportunities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Division of Health Programs Director be given additional authority to provide letters of support and collaboration, and pursue additional funding opportunities to research tick microbiome, community dynamics, or other activities regarding prevention of RMSF transmission.

**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.


**Resolution No. 01-2018-18**

**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 JANUARY 17, 2018 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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).

  
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Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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