



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amendment to Active Bacterial Surveillance)

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 38 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, invasive disease, such as pneumococcal 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, Staphylococcus Aureus which was added to the bacterial surveillance in April 2015 (resolution #04-2015-64) due to the high burden of this disease; and

WHEREAS, invasive group A *Streptococcus* is also of great concern for the White Mountain Apache people that is to be addressed through the NARCH X funding (resolution #04-2017-71) which has not currently been awarded; and

WHEREAS, we are requesting to proceed with in-house funding and in collaboration with the Indian Health Service to begin the following activities originally identified in the NARCH X grant proposal in order to determine the burden of invasive group A *Streptococcus*:

- 1) add group A *Streptococcus* to the ongoing surveillance activities
- 2) test the group A *Streptococcus* and *S. aureus* germs to learn about transmission, with collection of data dating back to the date of the Tribal Council approval; and

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 Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to add group A *Streptococcus* invasive pathogen to the ongoing bacterial surveillance study which has been monitored over the last 25 years and to being the testing of group A *Streptococcus* and *S. aureus* germs in order to learn about transmission and grasp a better understanding of this persistent disease among the White Mountain Apache community.

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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.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 20, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** 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	 Date	 Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	 Date
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