



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amendment to NARCH X Group A Streptococcus & Staphylococcus Study)

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for more than 38 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 continue to work on health disparities among the Apache people, group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus diseases are two health issues affecting the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council approved the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH-X); *Addressing the emerging burden of invasive Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus diseases among American Indians* grant proposal (resolution #04-2017-71), which seeks to understand and address these two invasive diseases among the White Mountain Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health is requesting to evaluate and test stored GAS isolates from patients with pharyngitis that were collected in 2017 and 2018 as part of infection control activities at WRSU hospital; and
- WHEREAS,** we will in collaboration with Dr. James McAuley and Dr. Ryan Close at Whiteriver IHS to understand if there is a difference in the strains of GAS that are causing mild infections (sore throat) and those causing severe and invasive infections.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the additional activities identified in the existing NARCH X funding for the *Addressing the emerging burden of invasive Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus diseases among American Indians* project.

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 Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 01-2019-12

The foregoing resolution was on **JANUARY 24, 2019** 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).

 2/7/19  2/7/2019
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date