



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(PSE – PECO 1 & 2 Grant Proposals)

WHEREAS, 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, high rates of diabetes and obesity affect many White Mountain Apache Tribal members and has increased in many younger tribal members; and

WHEREAS, to address this health concern, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health is requesting to submit a grant proposal entitled: *PSE Approach to Decreasing Disparities in Native American Early Childhood Nutrition and Weight Status*; and

WHEREAS, this grant proposal will build upon the Preventing Early Childhood Obesity 1 & 2 (PECO 1 & PECO 2) Family Spirit-Nurture (resolution # 06-2015-110) program currently in progress;

WHEREAS, The goal of the proposal is to determine how high rates of water insecurity and related policies, systems and environmental (PSE) factors within the White Mountain Apache Tribe affect children's optimal nutrition and healthy weight in the first two years of life; and, provide advocates, decision and policy makers with strategies to reduce harm and promote health; and

WHEREAS, the project will consist of four aims:

Aim 1: To analyze the effects of water insecurity on reservation-based Native American children's sugar sweetened beverage (SSB) consumption and weight status in the first 2 years of life. Household water insecurity will be assessed using a new, multidimensional, comprehensive, cross-cultural water insecurity assessment.

Aim 2: Explore household, policy, system and environmental (PSE) barriers and facilitators to accessing potable water in Native American communities through a) research with NA families, PSE leaders and store owners, b) water quality testing, and c) mapping of water resources.

Aim 3: Explore attitudes and beverage purchasing behaviors of parents with children 0-2 related to SSB taxes; and stocking and sales of SSBs vs. water among relevant store owners in tribal communities with and without recent beverage tax.

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Aim 4: Synthesize study results from Aims 1-3, providing advocates, decision and policy makers with strategies to reduce SSB consumption and increase access to safe drinking water to help young children achieve optimal nutrition and healthy weight status.

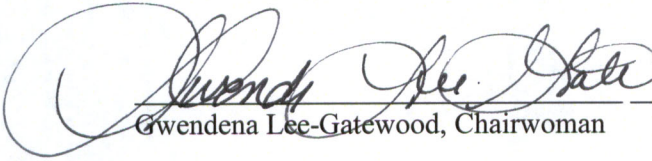
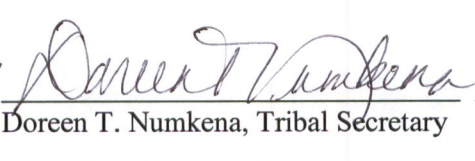
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the *PSE Approach to Decreasing Disparities in Native American Early Childhood Nutrition and Weight Status* grant proposal funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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.

The foregoing resolution was on **JANUARY 24, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

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