



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

## **(Authorizing a Second Amendment to Staphylococcus Aureus Research Study)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”; and
- WHEREAS,** The 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 Council, in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University, has authorized research projects nearly 40 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,** On December 13, 2016, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council approved an amendment for testing of *S. aureus* isolates (the “Study”) via Resolution No. 12-2016-245 which would be performed by Dr. Taj Azarian who was at Harvard and is now at the University of Central Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Taj Azarian will commence testing the isolates at his new lab at the University of Central Florida; 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; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the proposed second amendment to the Study and finds that its approval will contribute to the understanding of staphylococcus aureus invasive isolates



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and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

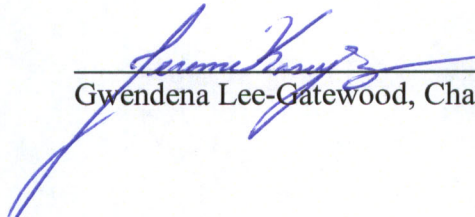
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes an amendment to the lab testing location from Harvard to the University of Central Florida of staphylococcus aureus invasive isolates by Dr. Taj Azarian.

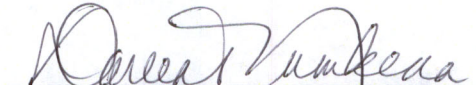
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 JULY 3, 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).

  
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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      157/1/19

  
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Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date      7-15-19