



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant Proposal
Authored by Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health)**

- 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 Constitution also provides, at Article IV, Section (j) that the Council shall exercise the power “To accept grants and donations from any person, State or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for nearly 40 years, which aim to raise the health status for all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health has operated jointly on many National Institutes of Health grants to develop and build capacity within our community to address the high rates of suicide and suicidal behaviors; and
- WHEREAS,** To continue our efforts in understanding and preventing suicides and suicidal behaviors with youth and young adults in our community, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application entitled: *Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)* to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (the “Grant Application”); and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the proposal is to expand on the suicide prevention efforts with the current National Institute of Mental Health Southwest Hub for American Indian Youth Suicide Prevention grant which was approved by Tribal Council on July 18, 2016 (Resolution # 07-2016-163); and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the Grant Application is to:
- Goal 1: Evaluate the culturally grounded Elder’s Resilience Curriculum;
- Goal 2: Understand the core preventive elements of this curriculum as it relates to cultural identity, traditional values, spiritual beliefs, and involvement in cultural practices; and

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Goal 3: Prove that cultural identity, traditional values, spiritual beliefs, and involvement in cultural practices are protective factors for youth suicide and high risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the proposed Grant Application and finds that its approval may help fund studies that could decrease incidences of suicide on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and amongst its members.

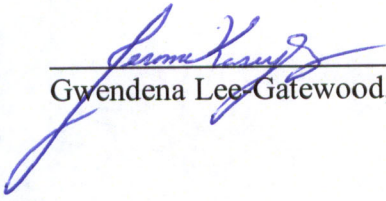
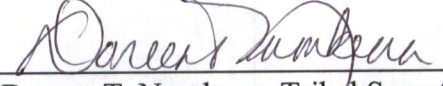
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the request of a grant application submission entitled: *Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)* to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for continued suicide prevention efforts.

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** abstention 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).

	<u>15 Jul 19</u>		<u>7-15-19</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date