



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Tribe's Participation in "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Nationwide Native American Elders Social and Health Needs Assessment)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation 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 to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the] Constitution"; and
- WHEREAS,** On October 19, 2016, by Resolution No. 10-2016-221, the Council endorsed and initiated programs under the Older American Act's Title VI Part A, Part C and Title II; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council continues to endorse the Older American Act's Title IV and Title III Program in order to promote the delivery of Nutritional and Home and Community Based Services to Native Americans aged Fifty-five (55) years and older; and
- WHEREAS,** There is an emerging, urgent, and unmet need in Indian Country for long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services; and
- WHEREAS,** The North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging have been awarded grants (the "Grants") through the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging ("AoA"), to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly individuals and to assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment, which is a requirement for the AoA grant; and
- WHEREAS,** The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder healthcare needs: general health status; activities of daily living; visual, hearing, and dental needs; memory and disability; health care access; tobacco and alcohol use; nutrition, exercise, and excess weight; social support; housing; social functioning demographics, and work; and

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- WHEREAS,** The North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the United States to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which resource centers and the Tribal Consortium will each assume responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Each participating tribe will provide: a Tribal Resolution authorizing participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment; a list of elders to interview; interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey; interpretation of the results with local input; development of recommendations for actions; dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and
- WHEREAS,** Summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments will be returned to the Council and to the local contact person; and
- WHEREAS,** The information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members to protect the confidentiality of participants, and a digital copy of the data stored on a secure server at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a period of at least ten years. Paper copies will be retained for 6 months after the cycle ends to ensure accurate data entry then destroyed; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has carefully considered the proposal by the Tribe's Elderly Services Program to participate in the needs assessment, and finds that participation will help identify the needs of the Tribe's elderly members, 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 the White Mountain Apache Elderly Services Program to participate in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Native elder social and health needs assessment. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information, in aggregate and non-personally identifiable form, for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analysis of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that personally-identifiable health information collected within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional Tribal Council authorization.

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

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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.

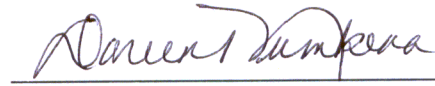
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

11/4/19
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

11-5-19
Date