



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Submission of National Institutes of Health Grant Proposal)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To accept grants and donations from any person, State, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe, in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University, has conducted research projects for 40 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council, via Resolution No. 07-2013-150, authorized Johns Hopkins to conduct a NARCH VIII project entitled, *Brief Intervention Targeting Dual Risk for Substance Use and Sexually Transmitted Infection: Educate, Motivate, Protect, Wellness & Respect* (“EMPWR”) which allowed JHU to assess and evaluate curriculum and determine risk factors for adults participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, EMPWR was rigorously evaluated with Apache adults with recent binge substance use and shown to: 1) increase completion of STI self-screening; 2) reduce marijuana use; 3) reduce total number of sexual partners; 4) reduce number of new sexual partners; and 5) increase refusal of sex if partner has an STI; and

WHEREAS, With such positive outcomes, there is value in bringing the EMPWR program to new settings and subgroups, in particular to local schools, teen clinics and all outlying communities on the Reservation ; and

WHEREAS, To expand our efforts to involve youth and young adults in the community, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application (“Grant”) entitled: *Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01)* to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS, The goals of the grant are:

- 1) To conduct implementation science to deliver/evaluate EMPWR in different settings and with different populations;
- 2) To work with administrators and providers at Indian Health Service to deliver and evaluate the EMPWR program for reducing STI risk behaviors and increasing STI screening; and

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- 3) To deliver EMPWR through schools, community and mobile clinics and possibly in group settings.

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the proposal by Johns Hopkins and finds that applying for the Grant to the National Institutes of Health could help to provide funding for this important program, improve health outcomes for members of the Tribe, 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 Johns Hopkins to submit a grant application entitled: *Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (ROI)* to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to help expand upon the Educate, Motivate, Protect, Wellness & Respect (EMPWR) Program for the White Mountain Apache people.

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.

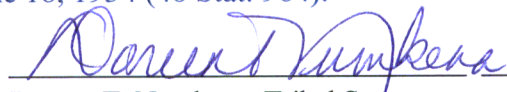
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his 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 **DECEMBER 9, 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

12/12/19
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

12/13/19
Date