



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Memorandum of Understanding between the White Mountain Apache Division of Health Programs and the United States Centers for Disease Control for the Development of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Prevention Programs)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with Federal law or this constitution, with...the United States...”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Division of Health Programs’ Community Health Representative Program’s (“CHR”) goal is, “To raise the level of awareness and promote a healthier lifestyle among the community members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with this mission is the prevention of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (“RMSF”), a life-threatening tickborne disease that has disproportionately affected the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”), resulting in sickness and several deaths; and

WHEREAS, To assist in CHR’s efforts to develop RMSF prevention programs, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has offered to provide, at no cost, technical assistance with:

- The development of RMSF prevention educational materials;
- Design of RMSF program monitoring and evaluation tools;
- Design of RMSF data collection systems and training of tribal staff in use of such systems;
- RMSF survey development and analysis; and

WHEREAS, CHR, with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General, has negotiated a draft memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) between the Division of Health Programs and the CDC to provide terms for the cooperation and collaboration of the two (MOU attached and incorporated herein by reference); and

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WHEREAS, The Draft MOU does not require the allocation or expenditure of additional funds by the Tribe, nor is it a legally-binding and enforceable document; and

WHEREAS, CHR, this day, presents the draft MOU to Council, for its approval; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the draft MOU and finds that its approval will help CHR improve its efforts at preventing RMSF on the Reservation and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the attached MOU between the Division of Health Programs and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch for development of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever prevention programs is hereby approved.

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.

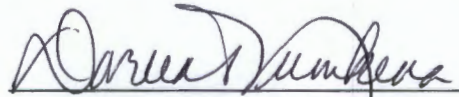
The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 10, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT 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

2/11/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

2/11/2020

Date