



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing Johns Hopkins Centers for American Indian Health to Conduct COVID-19 Virus Data Analysis)**

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- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“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 this constitution”; and
- WHEREAS,** The novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has created a worldwide pandemic, infecting hundreds of thousands of people and causing tens of thousands of deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe has experienced its first death on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus; and
- WHEREAS,** Data analysis of COVID-19 positive cases, pending cases, negative tests, and total numbers tested is necessary to understand whether the Tribe has hit the peak and if the curve is flattening; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and Johns Hopkins University have a long history of producing evidence-based preventions and proving effective interventions to address infectious diseases that occur at higher rates on the Reservation and among other Native American populations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health (“CAIH”) has the ability and resources necessary to complete the epidemiological statistical data analysis to better understand how COVID-19 disease is spreading on the Reservation and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe requests the assistance of CAIH to complete the data analysis of the COVID-19 virus, in an effort to determine whether the Tribe has hit the peak of this virus, if the curve is flattening, to control the spread, and to reduce the severity of COVID-19 impact within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe requests the COVID-19 data from the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital and the Tribe’s Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) in order for Johns Hopkins CAIH to compile and complete the data analysis for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** CAIH has epidemiologists on staff willing and able to complete the data analysis of the COVID-19 virus with the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the strong response the Council has employed to mitigate the virus, there is still time to prepare and respond to COVID-19. The data analysis will provide the necessary information for the Tribe to further understand the complexity and combat the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that authorizing the assistance of CAIH with epidemiological statistical studies of COVID-19, including the use of necessary health information, will help the Tribe to better understand this disease, 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 Center for American Indian Health to complete the statistical data analysis of the spread and severity of COVID-19 with the White Mountain Apache community and generate reports and studies therefrom to help address this worldwide pandemic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center and the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital to work with Johns Hopkins and provide all statistical data of COVID-19 positive cases, pending cases, deaths, negative tests, total tested, contact tracing, and any other information relevant for Johns Hopkins to properly complete the statistical data analysis on behave of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.


**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 **APRIL 27, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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  
Tribal Chairwoman  
Date 5/1/2020

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary  
Date 5/1/2020