



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing John Hopkins to Submit *Strengthening our Young Native Families in the Aftermath of COVID-19* grant proposal to the United Health Foundation)**

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- 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 Council, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University (“Johns Hopkins”), has conducted research projects for 40 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked tirelessly to address the health disparities and inequalities among the White Mountain Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has exacerbated already critical mental and behavioral health inequities for Native American families, with particular stress for young parents and their children; and
- WHEREAS,** To address these mental and behavioral health concerns, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health is requesting authorization to submit a grant proposal to the United Health Foundation under the grant title: *Strengthening our Young Native Families in the Aftermath of COVID-19*; and
- WHEREAS,** This grant proposal (the “Grant”) will expand upon the *Preventing Early Childhood Obesity 1 & 2 (“PECO 1 & PECO 2”)* “Family Spirit-Nurture” program currently in progress;
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the proposal is to develop, implement and evaluate brief curricular modules adapted from the evidence-based Common Elements Treatment Approach (“CETA”) that would be embedded in the Family Spirit early childhood home-visiting program and serve expectant parents starting in pregnancy and up to their child’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** The project will consist of three aims:
- Aim 1:** To analyze the effects of COVID-19 and its aftermath on young Native American families’ mental and behavioral health;

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**Aim 2:** Culturally adapt CETA modules for Native families to address: 1) substance abuse, 2) depression and anxiety, 3) trauma and resilience, 4) safety planning for risk of suicide and domestic violence, and 5) coping to overcome grief and survivors' guilt; and

**Aim 3:** Add a "patient navigator" component to help Family Spirit home visitors connect and provide ongoing support to participants with emergency needs to local treatment services; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has considered Johns Hopkins' request and finds that authorizing them to apply for the Grant is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

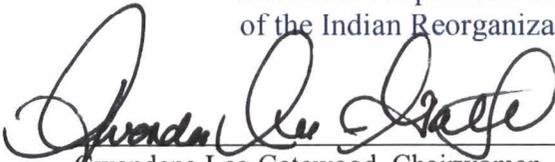
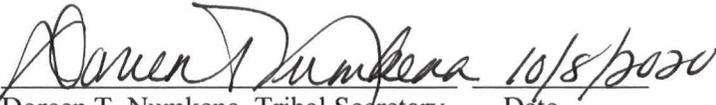
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to submit the *Strengthening our Young Native Families in the Aftermath of COVID-19* grant proposal identified above and the project activities funded by the United Health Foundation.

**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 **OCTOBER 7, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

 10.9.2020  10/8/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date