



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Johns Hopkins Center for Native American Health to Submit Two Discovery Grant Proposals)

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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 Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health (“Johns Hopkins”) has operated jointly on many grants to develop and build capacity within our community to address health disparities and inequalities; and

**WHEREAS,** The 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 Johns Hopkins to assess and evaluate curriculum and determine risk factors for adults participating in the program and NARCH IX project *Evaluating a Self –Management Approach to Sexual Health Care: Protecting Our Future Generations* (“POFG”) to evaluate the efficiency of a self-care intervention on sexual health risk and substance use behaviors of Apache youth and young adults; 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,** To expand upon the EMPWR and POFG programs of prevention of STI’s, HIV, and reduce high risk behaviors, Johns Hopkins is, this day, requesting authorization to submit 2 grant applications entitled: *Discovery Grant* to Johns Hopkins University (in-house grant) for HIV prevention and contraception awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** The goal of the HIV grant proposal is to:

- 1) To understand the feasibility and acceptability of self-screening for HIV, which will be offered through a new project conducted by the Center and the Tribe to provide services to those at highest risk for sexually transmitted infection (STI), HIV and substance use disorders;

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- 2) To understand if HIV self-screening kits are satisfactory, easy to use, and what adaptations to the kit would improve their usability and uptake in the White Mountain Apache and other rural Native communities; and
- 3) To work with the Indian Health Service Public Health Nursing Department for the provision of counseling and treatment for anyone who tests positive; and

**WHEREAS,** The goal of the contraception grant proposal is to:

- 1) To assess individual, family and health systems factors that promote or inhibit access to and use of contraception;
- 2) To determine the appropriate target population, delivery method and key concepts of a future intervention for increasing contraception uptake and decreasing teen pregnancy among Apache adolescents; and
- 3) To determine if there is a need for intervention(s) to increase contraception uptake and if so, the target population, the key content and the delivery mode for this intervention(s).

**WHEREAS,** The Council has considered John Hopkins' request and finds that authorizing them to apply for both grants on the Tribe's behalf 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 approves Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to submit the *Discovery Grant (HIV & Contraception)* proposals identified above and the project activities funded by Johns Hopkins University to help expand upon the Respecting the Circle of Life (RCL) and 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 **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

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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

10/14/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

10-14-2020

Date