



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript *Patients stabilized on non-invasive ventilation did not require emergent, peri-transport intubation* Prepared by Indian Health Service Personnel)

- 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
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe, in conjunction with the Whiteriver Service Unit of the Indian Health Service (“WRSU”), has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** WRSU in collaboration with members of the Tribe, is requesting permission to publish the manuscript entitled: *Patients stabilized on non-invasive ventilation did not require emergent, peri-transport intubation*; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Reservation community, including hundreds of patients that have been hospitalized after presenting to the WRSU Emergency Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Prior evidence and experience with COVID-19 in the United States suggested an early invasive ventilation strategy was necessary in COVID-19, but WRSU, like many IHS sites, has limited capacity for such invasive ventilation strategies; and
- WHEREAS,** The WRSU Emergency Department developed a protocol for early non-invasive strategies to avoid intubation and were successful in substantially reducing the need for persons requiring intubation and mechanical ventilation; and
- WHEREAS,** No personal identifiers are indicated or referenced in the manuscripts, and all information contained in the manuscripts is submitted for the purpose of developing strategies to continue to support and spread awareness of this strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and its IHS partners provide improvement models to other IHS sites, Tribal territories, and rural hospitals on how to safely treat COVID-19 related respiratory failure in their Emergency Departments that does not require invasive ventilation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that the publication of the manuscript would help build the body of scholarship and understanding of COVID-19 and be 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 submission for publication of the manuscript *Patients stabilized on non-invasive ventilation did not require emergent, peri-transport intubation*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of the publication should it be accepted for publication.

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.

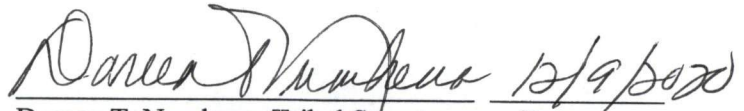
The foregoing resolution was on **DECEMBER 8, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT 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, Chairwoman

12/9/20

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

12/9/20

Date