



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript *Early administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment shows promise in a rural Native American community* 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 (“WRSU”), has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** WRSU is requesting permission to publish the manuscript entitled: *Early administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment shows promise in a rural Native American community*; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation community, and Monoclonal antibodies (“Mab”) are one of the most promising treatments to date for COVID-19 that can prevent progression to severe disease among those infected; and
- WHEREAS,** Nationally, there have been numerous logistical challenges to MAb distribution leading to overall underutilization of these therapies and the WRSU placed particular focus on implementing a new standard of care for MAb delivery to reduce hospitalizations and deaths among the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Sparse preliminary data, the relative absence of Native Americans in prior MAb studies, and the need to iteratively improve processes, the WRSU initiated ongoing medication utilization review among patients eligible for and received MAb for COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** From Dec. 1, 2020 to Feb. 3, 2021, there were 983 cases of COVID-19, and 201 persons were infused with MAb among 485 persons eligible for the medications based on approved criteria under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA); and
- WHEREAS,** The WRSU developed an efficient system to identify and administer MAb therapies, and data suggests that MAb led to a significant reduction in hospitalizations and deaths as described in the publication; 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, its members, and will potentially benefit other tribal and rural communities.

Resolution No. 03-2021-47

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript *Early administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment shows promise in a rural Native American community*.

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 **MARCH 3, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of **FIVE** for, **FOUR** 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).

 3-4-21  3-5-2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date