



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to Apply for National Institute of Mental Health Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Reservation ("Constitution") 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 Johns Hopkins University, has conducted research projects for 40 years, which aim to raise the level of health for all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked effortlessly to address the high rates of suicidal behaviors among the Apache people and to understand the barriers to suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, To continue our prevention efforts, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant proposal to the National Institute of Mental Health ("NIMH") under the grant title: *Service-Ready Tools for Identification, Prevention, and Treatment of Individuals at Risk for Suicide* (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, The Grant will be focused on enhancing early identification and connection to care for individuals most at risk for suicidal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, The Grant if awarded, will implement and evaluate a systems level suicide prevention strategy called NATIVE-RISE: Risk Identification for Suicide and Enhanced care, which will use a mathematical equation, embedded in the Electronic Medical Record at the Whiteriver Service Unit, that will identify individuals at risk of suicide and help link them to appropriate outreach and enhanced care in the White Mountain Apache community; and

WHEREAS, The project aims of this study include:

- 1) Implementing and optimizing NATIVE-RISE for the health care setting;
- 2) Determining the effectiveness of NATIVE-RISE; and
- 3) Describing the costs, resources, and consumer, provider, and setting-level barriers to implementing NATIVE-RISE as it is implemented to inform improvements and scaling; and

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WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed and considered JHCAIH's request and finds that applying for the Grant funding to conduct the proposed study is essential to enhancing continued suicide preventions efforts, 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 the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to apply for the Grant for *Service-Ready Tools for Identification, Prevention, and Treatment of Individuals at Risk for Suicide* in partnership with 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 MAY 5, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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).

Gwendena Lee- Gatewood 5/7/21 Doreen T. Numkena 5-7-2021
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date