



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amending Resolution No. 10-2020-239 to Authorize Booster Shot Study)

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 to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe, its Emergency Operations Center, Community Health Representatives Program, the Indian Health Service, Johns Hopkins and many other agencies have worked tirelessly to address the novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) which has created a worldwide pandemic, and impacted the lives of people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2020, Council enacted Resolution 10-2020-239, approving a partnership between the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health (JHCAIH) and the Tribe to determine the safety and efficacy of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, The original resolution authorized the following activities:

- 1) Enrolling interested individuals on a voluntary basis 18-85 years of age who are healthy (or have stable underlying health conditions) and have not tested positive for COVID-19 will be provided informed consent to participate. People who are pregnant or breastfeeding are excluded from participation.
- 2) Two doses will be given, three weeks apart.
- 3) After the two vaccination visits, there are 4 more visits for a total of 6 visits over a two-year period. A nasal swab will be collected at two visits and a blood sample will be collected at five visits. The nasal swabs will be tested for the COVID-19 virus and the blood samples will be tested to measure the level of antibodies to COVID-19 before and after vaccination. No other testing of specimens, beyond what is specifically stated at the time of enrollment, is allowed. No genetic testing will be done.
- 4) Participants will be asked to keep a diary to monitor any potential symptoms that they may experience during their participation in the study; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health is requesting to add the COVID-19 booster shot study aim as Pfizer has selected the White Mountain Apache Tribe to participate in this portion of the study. Because the duration of protection from the initial vaccine is unknown, the booster vaccine is critical to our vaccine efforts and the protection of our community members; and

WHEREAS, the new study aim will include the following:

1. Current participants in the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine trial, who completed their vaccinations at least 6 months ago, would be contacted about the opportunity to participate in the booster trial;
2. Individuals who provide informed consent and who meet eligibility criteria will be randomized 1:1 to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or placebo
3. Doses will be administered at the first study visit, and there will be 3 follow-up visits; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the request to authorize vaccine booster shot studies by amending the scope and language of Resolution No. 10-2020-239, and finds that doing so will allow an important phase of the vaccine study, 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 approves the above listed study aim to the original *COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine Trial* to determine the efficacy of the vaccine, and amends Resolution 10-2020-239 to add to the scope of authorized activities:

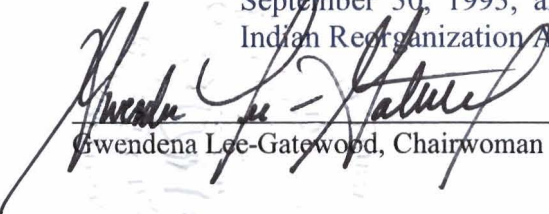
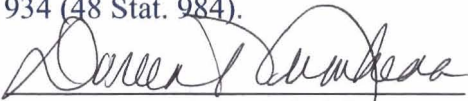
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3. Doses will be administered at the first study visit, and there will be 3 follow-up visits.

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 JUNE 2, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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).

	<u>6.2.21</u>		<u>6-2-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date