



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript *Characteristics and outcomes of persons hospitalized with COVID-19, White Mountain Apache Tribal Lands, April 1 – July 31, 2020, 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: *Characteristics and outcomes of persons hospitalized with COVID-19, White Mountain Apache Tribal Lands, April 1 – July 31, 2020*; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation community, with significant case rates and hospitalization rates during the months of April to July 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Nationally, there is insufficient data on the characteristics and outcomes of indigenous persons hospitalized with COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** The relative absence of such data leads to collective knowledge gaps in the medical and public health communities that unjustly impacts the welfare of Native Americans, including members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** From April 1 to July 31, 2020 there were over 2,000 cases of COVID-19 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, with 490 (21%) hospitalized and a disproportionately low community-wide case fatality rate and in-hospital fatality rate when compared to the general population of Arizona or the greater United States; and
- WHEREAS,** The publication describes importance differences in presenting characteristics by age, and risk factors for severe COVID-19 in the White Mountain Apache community, as well as the impact of the referral program that was a collaboration between the Tribe and WRSU; and
- WHEREAS,** The publication redacts all personally-identifiable health information, so that no confidential health information of any Tribal member will be disclosed; 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. 11-2021-236

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript *Characteristics and outcomes of persons hospitalized with COVID-19, White Mountain Apache Tribal Lands, April 1 – July 31, 2020*.

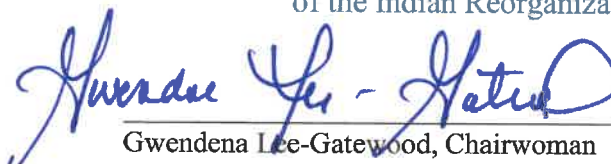
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of the publication should it be accepted for publication.


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 NOVEMBER 10, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).

 11.17.21
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 11-17-2021
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date