



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Arizona Department of Health Services to Utilize Data Regarding Hantavirus on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

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, Hantavirus has not been detected on the Fort Apache Indian Apache Reservation (“Reservation”) in the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, If exposed, hantavirus is fatal in nearly 40% of cases (higher than the average flu); and

WHEREAS, Many clinical providers working on the Reservation, as well as the surrounding reservations and counties are unfamiliar with hantavirus; and

WHEREAS, Disseminating information about local hantavirus cases can increase clinical provider and other public health practitioner awareness leading to earlier detection and better treatment for individuals infected with hantavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services has collected data about hantavirus rates on the Reservation pre-Covid and during-Covid, and seeks, this day, permission from Council to utilize the data in a manuscript and abstract, a poster (copies of which are attached and incorporated herein) and in presentations to the medical and public health communities; and

WHEREAS, No individual health information is contained in the data, nor will be shared in the resultant publications; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that authorizing the Arizona Department of Health Services to utilize hantavirus data collected on the Reservation through a manuscript and abstract, a poster, and through presentations to the medical and public health communities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Arizona Department of Health Services to share data and findings collected on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation through a manuscript, abstract, and poster, as well as through presentation with the medical and public health communities.

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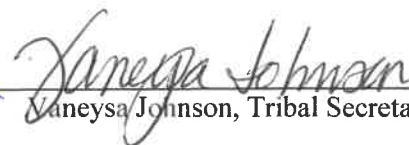
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates the Tribe to be referred to in the resultant publications as (“the White Mountain Apache Tribe”/”Tribal lands in Eastern Arizona”/”Eastern Arizona”).

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 Chairman, or in his 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 17, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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).

 5.24.22  5/24/2022
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Yaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date