



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Supporting and Authorizing Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health to Apply for the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Grant)

- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”), *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Article IV, Section 1(j), “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe, in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) for more than 40 years with the purpose of raising the level of health of all Reservation residents; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked effortlessly in collaboration to address the health disparities and inequalities among the White Mountain Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for Indigenous Health has operated jointly on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (“SAMHSA”) programs to develop and build capacity within our community to address the high rates of suicide and suicidal behaviors; and
- WHEREAS,** Prior SAMHSA grants afforded us the opportunity to better understand suicidal behaviors and we acknowledge that substance misuse is a an emerging issue which can influence such behaviors; and
- WHEREAS,** To reduce the progression of substance misuse by developing and distributing culturally-specific education and awareness campaigns and engage with community members to participate in various activities such as beading, art, journaling, etc., Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application entitled: *Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities (SPF-PFS)* to the SAMHSA; and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the proposal is to promote community networks and raise education and awareness to address substance misuse of alcohol, marijuana, meth, fentanyl, and vaping; and
- WHEREAS,** The project will consist of the following activities:
- 1) Assessment of misuse of the above listed substances and related risks and strengths with guidance from the Community Advisory Board and Tribal Youth Council;
 - 2) Capacity building to engage partner agencies and to strengthen the network of resources;
 - 3) Development and implementation of the education and awareness campaigns;
 - 4) Evaluation of the project activities.

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WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed and considered Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health’s request and finds that applying for the Grant funding to seek additional funding to support the *Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities (SPF-PFS)* program activities 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 Indigenous Health to apply for the *Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities (SPF-PFS)* to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the activities identified for this project.

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 **JUNE 7, 2023** 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez 6/8/2023 Vaneysa Johnson 06/08/2023
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Council Secretary Date