



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### (Authorizing Whiteriver Service Unit to Present and Publish an Abstract Titled “Utilization of a Developmental Screening Tool in an American Indian Population”)

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**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 “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, has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** American Indian children, including members of this Tribe, are likely disproportionately impacted by developmental delay due to social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends the use of a developmental screening tool like the Ages and Stages Questionnaire at 9 months, 18 months, and 30 months to identify children at-risk so they can receive early intervention services; and

**WHEREAS,** There is little published information about the use of developmental screening tools in American Indian communities, limiting both the collective understanding and utility of common screening tools; and

**WHEREAS,** Review of hospital Ages and Stages Questionnaire data show both a high prevalence of children at-risk for developmental delay and low screening volume in these children, even at key ages recommended by the AAP; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds support of Whiteriver Service Unit’s abstract is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members, and agrees that the manuscript will support expanded access of important therapies to the Tribe and other American Indian communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Whiteriver Service Unit to present an abstract titled “Utilization of a Developmental Screening Tool in an American Indian Population”, as described herein.

**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.

***Resolution No. 07-2023-174***

**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 JULY 05, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for, FOUR 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>7.6.2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>07/07/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date