



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Supporting and Recommending Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health Research Entitled: “The molecular epidemiology of *Staphylococcus aureus* in households in a high-burden Native American community in the Southwest”)

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 and Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Indigenous Health (“JHU”) have a long history of conducting studies to address infectious diseases that occur at higher rates among the White Mountain Apache and other Indigenous populations; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous communities experience disparate rates of invasive diseases compared to the general population of the US. Although much progress has been made to decrease this disparity, disease caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* is an increasing concern among Indigenous individuals; and

WHEREAS, *S. aureus* is a type of bacteria that is an important cause of skin and soft tissue infections, pneumonia, septic arthritis, endocarditis, osteomyelitis, foreign body infections, and sepsis; and

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) program is currently funding a study, “*Interventions to address the large burden of Staphylococcus aureus infections*” (Tribal Council Resolution: 07-2020-148) that will pilot the efficacy of a community-informed biomedical intervention to reduce carriage of *Staphylococcus aureus* and prevent infections; and

WHEREAS, Additional funding is needed to support the NIH NARCH Staph Study to:

1. Include a second follow-up visit to the household to collect samples from household members and the household environment,
2. Evaluate the SA strains present in individuals and the household environment;

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed JHU's request, and finds that approving it to seek funding and conduct this study 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 Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health to seek funding and conduct research entitled “The molecular epidemiology of *Staphylococcus aureus* in households in a high-burden Native American community in the Southwest” as part of the “*Interventions to address the large burden of Staphylococcus aureus infections*” (Tribal Council Resolution: 07-2020-148) study.

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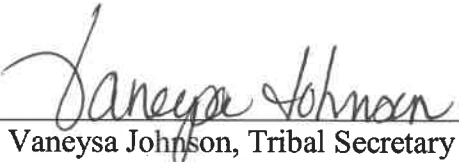
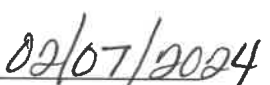
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of each publication should it be accepted for publication.

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 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 **FEBRUARY 6, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** 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, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date