



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing White Mountain Apache Tribe NARCH Program to Apply for the National Institutes for Health Native American Research Centers for Health Grant)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”, and in Section 1(j), the power “[t]o accept grants and donations from any person, state, or the United States”; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins University have worked in partnership for 40 years to conduct research projects to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the aims of the NARCH program, which include working towards reducing health disparities in AI/AN populations, supporting health research projects selected and prioritized by AI/AN communities, encouraging research capacity and infrastructure building within AI/AN communities, and enhancing health research partnerships while promoting a cadre of American Indian scientists and researchers interested in AI/AN health research; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NARCH guidelines and based on its long-standing relationship with Johns Hopkins in addressing priority issues, the Tribe wishes to continue its successful NARCH partnership with Johns Hopkins University through an application for Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) funding opportunity announcement (FOA) number PAR-23-166; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the training project – *WMAT-JHU Career Enhancement Projects (CEP’s)*, which will expand on our current NARCH student and faculty development efforts by supporting a two-pronged effort with formal public health training, community-based training, and professional development in health research for White Mountain Apache health leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe, in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, developed the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) application to improve the well-being of Apache people through a novel training program and to expand health research and education.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and supports the NARCH application titled “WMAT-JHU NARCH Career Enhancement Project: Student & Faculty Development” to the National Institutes of Health as presented.

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



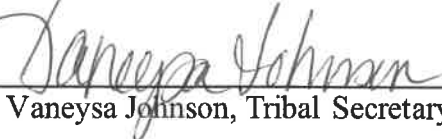

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Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

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 5, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** 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	Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date