

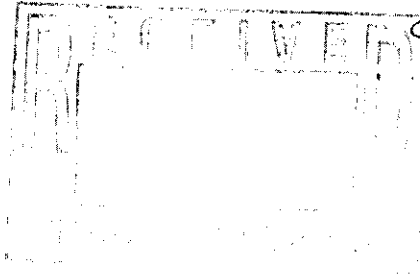
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are duly elected representatives of the people of their respective districts; and, among the many issues of concern to the Tribal Council are the health and well-being of its Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as stated in Tribal Council Resolution No. 08-2000-247, has elected to partner with the Johns Hopkins University to establish Native American Research Centers of Health (NARCH) to combat Tribally-determined priority health issues through sound research methods; and
- WHEREAS,** working together as partners, various representatives of the Tribe, including public servants, tribal officials, government workers, individual Tribal members, and the Johns Hopkins University have agreed that, under the overarching "Family Strengthening" theme of the grant proposal, Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention is one of four priority research components; and
- WHEREAS,** the most prevalent substance abuse problem that directly and indirectly affects many Apache individuals and families is alcohol abuse which is the underlying cause for disproportionately high morbidity and mortality rates among Tribal members, and is responsible for the breakup of families and the upsetting of work, livelihood, and appropriate lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS,** in many Apache families, there are those who have been strong, long-time abstainers of alcohol who can be positive examples, role models and valuable resources to those of their own family who lack the strength required for abstinence; and
- WHEREAS,** the approach to be taken in this proposed program is to treat the problem of alcohol abuse in individuals by taking the family of the abuser as the unit of intervention and to incorporate family-based, culturally-specific beliefs and concepts into treatment methods that will most effectively benefit the abuser and ultimately lead to resolving the alcohol problem; and that a significant role in this healing effort will be the abstainers in the family; and
- WHEREAS,** collective and individual sources of strength in the community will also be components in the development and implementation of treatment methods, and these include, but are not limited to, abstainers, recovered alcoholics, focus groups, religious leaders, traditional practitioners, those with mental health expertise, and others.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it agrees and supports the concept that the Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention investigative theme is an appropriate and necessary component of the overarching "Family Strengthening" theme of the grant proposal and that alcohol abuse is a problem not just of the individual, but also of the family and community and that each

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of these are important to the development of methods to resolve the problem.

The foregoing resolution was on November 27, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council