

**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 their many concerns are the health and well-being of Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports carefully designed research projects to evaluate health problems which exist in the population and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, studies in the past have shown that the White Mountain Apache population has high rates of serious diseases caused by the *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus) bacteria, and pneumococcal diseases have resulted in many hospitalizations and deaths to persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, pneumococcal diseases include blood infection, pneumonia, meningitis, ear and sinus infections, and other illnesses, and those who are at high risk for these diseases include infants, the elderly, diabetics, alcoholics, and those with chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, a pneumococcal vaccine for infants, which are evaluated on the Apache Reservation, was licensed in 2000 and is now included in the schedule of recommended vaccinations for infants at well-baby visits, and monitoring of the effectiveness of this vaccine continues; and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that high numbers of Apache adults have become ill with serious pneumococcal diseases, thus an epidemiology study was begun to determine the severity of this problem; and to collect data and information about types of pneumococcal diseases, about people who become ill, and to find out more about pneumococcal germs which cause sickness, and about effectiveness of the current pneumococcal vaccine for adults; and these data and information will be used to help find ways to prevent these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the study of pneumococcal diseases in Apache adults is a part of the Apache NARCH program which places the Apache Tribe in charge of medical research among Apache people, and is a program in which the Tribe is partnering with the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health; and

WHEREAS, preliminary findings show that the pneumococcal germ is an important cause for illness in Apache adults and that rates of illness are 8 times higher among Apaches than in adults throughout the rest of the U.S., and methods for preventing

pneumococcal diseases are greatly needed to be developed and implemented; and

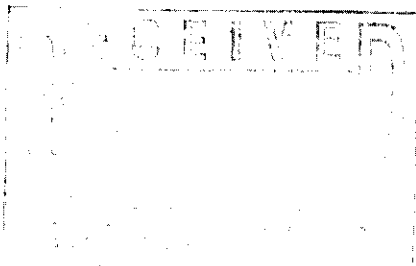
WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council previously approved its participation in the national NARCH effort, sponsored by the National Institute of Health and the Indian Health Service, and the pneumonia epidemiology study was previously approved by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, preliminary results and findings made thus far in this study will be presented at the Annual Indian Health Service Research Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 14 2003, and the presentation will not include names of individuals from whom data and information were collected; and

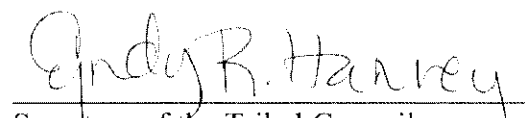
WHEREAS, approval of the abstract of the presentation for this study will be obtained from the White Mountain Apache Tribal Health Board at its monthly meeting on April 28, 2003.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the abstract entitled, "Preventing Pneumococcal Diseases Among White Mountain Apache Adults", and the presentation based on the abstract that will be made on May 14, 2003 at the Annual IHS Research Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The foregoing resolution was on April 16, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council