



Resolution No. 05-2006-137

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache 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 Tribal Council supports carefully designed research and service projects to address health problems which exist in the population and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins University has been a primary partner with the Tribe since the early 1980s to develop and build capacity within our community to address our priority health problems, and have helped to disseminate lessons learned within our community to communities and nations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, addressing high rates of suicidal behavior among our youth has become the most urgent need of our tribe over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins, in partnership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe since 1980, and through the NARCH Program (Native American Research Centers for Health), has mounted an effort to advance our desire and local plan to prevent suicide among teens in our communities and to train tribal members to screen and refer young suicide attempters; and

WHEREAS, the NARCH program (consisting of both Johns Hopkins University and the White Mountain Apache Tribe), has already received tribal approval and grant funding for a study entitled "*Using a CBPR model to prevent Apache Youth Suicide*," and is equipped and experienced to steward expanding initiatives in this area for the Tribe; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache that it hereby designates Johns Hopkins University as a grant recipient on behalf of the Tribe to coordinate a multi-level community initiative engaging our leading health and human service agencies to promote youth suicide prevention and early intervention. The first grant for which this resolution will be applied is the "State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grants" Request for Proposals issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and due on May 16, 2006. The title of our local project will be: "Apache Youth Celebrating Life Project: A Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative."