



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

**(Approving Administrative Leave for Staff Attendance at
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, 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, 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 Council are the health and well-being of its Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe support carefully designed research projects which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 the White Mountain Apache Tribe has mandated collection of data on suicidal events in an effort to track and prevent further suicides; and

WHEREAS Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health has been collaborating with the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Celebrating Life initiative, a project aimed at preventing youth suicide on the reservation, since 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Celebrating Life grant received from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2006 includes funding to support Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) to help key community members learn to recognize the signs of suicide and refer potentially suicidal individuals to treatment; and

WHEREAS, ASIST training requires two full days of participants' time in order to receive ASIST training certificate; and

WHEREAS, 2007 ASIST will be held on July 23 and July 24 on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that authorizing administrative leave to facilitate staff attendance at the ASIST is in the best interests of suicide prevention and the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

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1. The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is an essential suicide prevention program that will assist staff and community members with recognizing the signs of suicide, thus enabling prompt referrals to appropriate care and assistance.
2. Paid administrative leave is hereby approved for all Tribal employees interested in attending the ASIST on July 23 and 24, 2007.

The foregoing resolution was on **APRIL 26, 2007** adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for and **ZERO** against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (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