



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

(Approving Cancer Talking Circle Project for Cibecue)

- 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,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes and acknowledges that cancer is a relatively “new” illness among Native American Indians, and that it is the second leading cause of death for this population; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council also acknowledges that culture is an important construct in the study of cancer prevention, treatment, and control, but that there are limited studies that focused on cancer symptoms/barriers among the Native American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** the community of Cibecue through the office of the community President, Judy Dehose, would like to participate in a proposed study by Felicia Hodge, PhD, a professor for the University of California at Los Angeles, School of Nursing and the School of Public Health, and a member of the Wailiki Tribe from California and a former cancer survivor; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Hodge proposes to study the community of Cibecue in order to develop and test a reproducible, clinic-based, culturally appropriate intervention designed to overcome barriers to the delivery of symptom management and palliative care for Native American Indians, utilizing culturally sensitive materials in the form of Talking Circles on cancer pain; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Hodge will coordinate with Agnes Attakai, MPA, of the Mel and Enid Zukerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona, and Ms. Dehose, on undertaking the study in the Cibecue community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has been advised that the WMAT Health Board has reviewed and approved the proposed study; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports carefully designed research projects to evaluate health problems which exist in the population and the development of appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate cancer and other health problems among enrolled members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council advises finds Dr. Hodge, the University of Arizona and the University of California that no personal identifiers should be indicated or referenced in the study or any publications of its findings, and all information

contained in the any publication shall be for the purpose of developing effective strategies designed to intervene and diminish the problems associated with cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the project is in the best interest of cancer prevention, and in the best interest of the Tribe and the community of Cibecue.

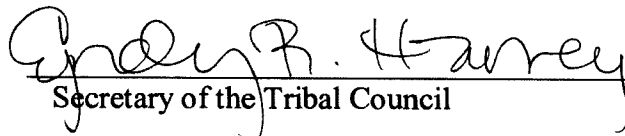
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and permits the Cancer Pain Talking Circle Project in Cibecue, and that the permission granted herein shall be subject to a memorandum of agreement between the University of Arizona and the University of California for the purposes contemplated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on October 18, 2007 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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