

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

## (Application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant)

- 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 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 the community to address priority health problems, and have helped to disseminate lessons learned within the Tribal communities to communities and nations worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, addressing high rates of suicidal behavior among Tribal youth has become the most urgent need of the Tribe over the past eight years; and
- WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins, in partnership with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, has mounted an effort to advance the Tribe's desire and local plan to prevent suicide among teens in the Tribal communities and to train Tribal Members to screen and refer young suicide attempters; and
- WHEREAS, the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) program, consisting of both the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins University, 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 support expanding initiatives in this area for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Johns Hopkins University has already acted on behalf of the Tribe as the designated steward of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant: "State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention (SF-06-05)", and has successfully worked with Tribal Members to create universal, targeted, and selected community interventions to address youth suicide; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates Johns Hopkins University as a grant recipient on behalf of the Tribe to coordinate the renewal of the multi-level community initiative engaging our leading health and human service agencies to promote youth suicide prevention and early intervention. The grant for which this resolution will be applied is the "State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention" Request for Proposals (SM-09-03) issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and due on April 17, 2009. The title of our local project will be: "Apache Youth Empowering Our Spirits Project: A Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative."

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**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 documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on April 23, 2009, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (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