



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

*A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance
Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation*

Resolution No. 05-2012-63

(Authorizing WMAT-JHU Submission of NARCH VII Grant)

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) is entrusted by the Tribe’s Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for more than 30 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports innovative efforts that increase health-related educational and training opportunities for its tribal members since educated and trained individuals can apply and teach others within the tribe so that the overall health of tribal members can be improved; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) jointly operate and fund a Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) program which awards on a competitive basis funds to develop and implement tribally-controlled health research activities and training; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with NARCH guidelines and based on its long-standing relationship with Johns Hopkins in addressing priority issues of the tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to continue its successful NARCH partnership with Johns Hopkins University (Resolution No. 08-2000-247) through an application for NARCH VII; and
- WHEREAS,** the NARCH VII *WMAT-JHU NARCH Student and Faculty Development Program* will expand on our previous NARCH Student and Faculty Development efforts by supporting a two-pronged effort with formal public health science training for Apaches at Johns Hopkins University or other universities, paired with community-based training and education for health leaders and emerging scholars on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the first NARCH VII proposal *Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Examining Social Network Influences on Substance Use and High Risk Behaviors of Suicidal Apache Youth* will seek to better understand the link between social ties with friends, peers, and community members, which the White Mountain Apache youth

suicide prevention project ("Celebrating Life," a component of NARCH III) has observed to be frequent among youth. The study will investigate the influence of social networks on the high risk behaviors of suicidal Apache youth and triggers for binge-drinking, intentional self-injury and other high risk behaviors among Apache youth, and employ a community process to design an intervention for at-risk youth to prevent such behaviors and their impact on youth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the second proposed NARCH VII community-based participatory research project, *Promoting Protective Factors to Prevent Substance Use Risks in Apache Youth* will incorporate a new and innovative leadership model based on the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, also called NFTE to prevent high school dropouts and improve academic performance among students at risk of failing or quitting school, which makes them at higher risk for substance use and suicidal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the last proposed NARCH VII community-based participatory research project, *Pathway to Prevention of Severe Early Childhood Caries: Apache Longitudinal Study* will seek to promote and provide healthy infant dental exams and education for parents. Local Apache paraprofessionals will work with infants 3-4 months old and follow them over a 24-month period. Prevention of oral disease, as a primary prevention strategy to reduce lifetime obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other health problems is the goal of this project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the NARCH VII funding application in its entirety and supports the training and research proposals outlined above to be submitted to the NIH/IHS funding agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect. This Resolution shall not be subject to Judicial Interpretation, only the Tribal Attorney, with the assistance of the Tribal Council Secretary, may opine on Tribal Council intent and the meaning of the language as used herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign provided that the Tribal Secretary and a Tribal Attorney attest to the veracity of the subject matter of this Resolution.

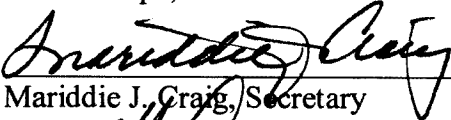
The foregoing resolution was on MAY 29, 2012 duly adopted by a vote of **SIX** for and **ZERO** against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, ratified by the 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).




Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

6-12-12
Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

06/08/2012
Date



Richard J. Palmer, Jr., Attorney

6/13/2012
Date