



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

**(Authorizing Apache Behavioral Health Services to Conduct a Qualitative Study
on White Mountain Apache Identity and Behavioral Health)**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to *Resolution No. 05-2007-175*, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (hereinafter "the Council") established the White Mountain Apache Behavioral Health Services ("ABHS") as an independent Tribal entity dedicated to providing mental health counseling and other mental health treatment options for the benefit of Apache children, adolescents, and adult members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe"); and
- WHEREAS,** a Board of Directors, as set forth in the ABHS organizational by-laws, oversees ABHS operations to ensure that the organization is effective and efficient in promoting the highest quality of care while administering mental health services to Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** ABHS recently renewed its Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the State of Arizona's Division of Behavioral Health Services ("AZDBHS") pursuant to authority granted by the Tribal Council in *Resolution No. 08-2010-222* which authorized ABHS to assume management of the Federal Mental Health and Adolescent and Family Services P.L. 93-638 Contract; and
- WHEREAS,** under the IGA with AZDBHS, ABHS is classified as a Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authority ("TRBHA") with the primary objective of increasing the number and quality of mental health services available to Tribal members. The IGA requires ABHS to conduct a survey in order to determine the factors of influence that would help to improve upon the behavioral health services offered to Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the survey will be conducted on grandparents, parents and adolescent youth to determine the trans-generational cultural narratives being passed down to White Mountain Apache youth and then use the information to develop and implement effective mental health strategies to help the children and families of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to live happy and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the results of the survey will satisfy requirements under the IGA to provide AZDBHS information regarding behavioral health practices offered to Apache youth, provide data necessary for strategic planning purposes to deliver mental health services in a more effective and efficient manner, for the advancement of knowledge in the behavioral health field, and for grant writing purposes to obtain additional mental health and substance abuse treatment funding that the agency is eligible for; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Division of Health Advisory Board has reviewed the study proposal along with its methodology and approved them as appropriate, useful, and consistent with ABHS objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize ABHS to conduct the study as described provided that the information is managed in accordance with the guidelines as established above and approved by the Tribe's Division of Health Board and ABHS management.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes ABHS to conduct the survey of grandparents, parents and adolescent youth to determine the trans-generational cultural narratives being passed down to White Mountain Apache youth and then use the information to develop and implement effective mental health strategies to help the children and families of the White Mountain Apache Tribe live happy and productive lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the data of the survey remains the property of the Tribe and can only be released to others, including, but not limited to, the State of Arizona/Division of Behavioral Health Services, Indian Health Services, and other possible funding sources, with the express permission of the Division of Health Programs Advisory Board and the Tribal Council's approval. The results of said data will be used to contribute to the body of knowledge of the pertinent professional fields and to improve treatments for White Mountain Apache youth.

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.

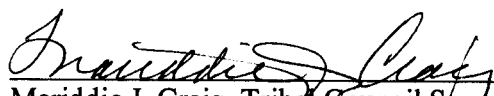
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory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

The foregoing resolution was on SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 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), (i), (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).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

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Mariddie J. Craig, Tribal Council Secretary

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