



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

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

Resolution No. 03-2013-54

(Approval for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Present an Analysis of Medical and Indirect Costs Associated with an RMSF Epidemic in Arizona, Including data from the Fort Apache Indian Tribe, to the American Society of Rickettsiology)

- 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,** over the past decade, an unusually high rate of Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) has been reported on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with 128 cases of RMSF including eight fatalities reported since 2003, with hundreds more suspected cases treated; and
- WHEREAS,** when there is a delay in treatment severe disease may develop, requiring increased medical care at outside facilities. Severe disease may result in prolonged hospital stays, rehabilitation, permanent disability, or even premature death, all producing economic burden on the community. When put together, the staggering costs to government and community from this disease can help to underline the importance of prevention efforts in an epidemic setting; and
- WHEREAS,** the presentation poses no adverse outcome risk for individuals whose records were reviewed. The information used in this assessment was gathered through a medical chart review by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (Resolution No. 11-2010-302), but there will be no mention of individual level data; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition, permission will be sought from the San Carlos Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** publication and presentation of such information will be important and any manuscripts produced from the information discovered through this study will be presented at public forums for the purpose of increasing knowledge and treatment of RMSF, so long as publications or presentations do not result in harm to individuals or the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe Health Advisory Board has reviewed this proposal at a Health Board meeting in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the presentation on medical and indirect costs associated with an epidemic of RMSF to the American Society of Rickettsiology, as proposed by the CDC.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the presentation on medical and indirect costs associated with an epidemic of RMSF to the American Society of Rickettsiology, as proposed by the CDC.

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.

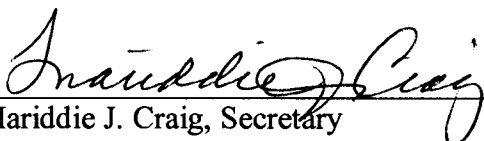
The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 13, 201³ duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, ratified by the Tribe September 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

3/20/13

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

3/21/13

Date