



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(NARCH IX Grant Proposal)

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- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for more than 35 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 continues to support innovative strategies which increase health-related educational and training opportunities for its tribal members in an effort to educate and train individuals who can apply and teach others within the tribe to improve the overall health of tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") and the Indian Health Service ("HIS") jointly operate and fund the 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 IX; and
- WHEREAS,** the **NARCH IX – *WMAT-JHU NARCH Student and Faculty Development Program*** will expand on our previous and current 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, with an added focus of high school STEM development and mentorship; and
- WHEREAS,** the first **NARCH IX proposal – *Suicide and Substance Use Prevention Study: Trauma-Focused Care*** will seek to enhance the innovative Apache Suicide Surveillance and Prevention ("Celebrating Life," system established through NARCH III) by: 1) screening all youth who come through the system for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) to better understand if ACES (and what specific experiences) increase suicide and binge drinking risk and the ability to connect with care; 2) Develop and pilot) a trauma-informed care intervention for delivery to youth and families with high ACE scores and trauma-informed care training with pediatric staff in the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Unit to aid their approach to high-risk youth and families within their communities; and

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WHEREAS, the second NARCH IX proposal – *The Mother-Daughter Project: Empowering American Indian Girls to Improve Reproductive Health and Create Healthy Pathways in the Transition to Adulthood* will aim to promote positive maternal-daughter communication and maternal involvement, while engaging protective matrilineal cultural and spiritual values associated with the passage of female puberty as a pathway to promote positive reproductive health and well-being, and reduce early substance use, unwanted pregnancy and promote more positive intergenerational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the last NARCH IX proposal– *“What’s Your Number?” Evaluating a Self-Management Approach to Sexual Health Care* will in **Phase I**, a) explore facilitators and barriers to STI screening and HPV immunization and perceptions of sexual health self-care by conducting key informant interviews and focus groups; and b) develop and pilot-test self-assessments and tailored messaging for different risk groups, **Phase II**, we will rigorously evaluate the self-assessments and tailored messages for increasing the protective behaviors of STI screening and HPV immunization, utilizing a research design selected by the community and **Phase III**, we will disseminate our findings to the IHS and American Indian communities to inform sustainable STI screening and HPV immunization practices and advance the practice of sexual health self-care.

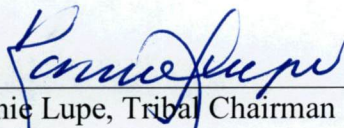
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the NARCH IX funding application in its entirety and supports the training and research proposals outlined above to be submitted to the NIH/IHS funding agencies.

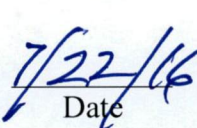
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

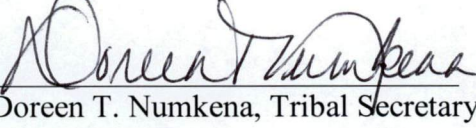
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 18, 2016 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

 7/22/16
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

7/22/2016
Date