



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(NARCH X Grant Proposal)

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- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins University have worked in partnership for over 35 years to conducted research projects 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 the research and 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 (IHS) 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 X; and
- WHEREAS,** the **NARCH X – *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 STEM development and mentorship; and
- WHEREAS,** the first **NARCH X 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 X proposal – *Improving Diabetes Management and Care for White Mountain Apache Adults Living with Diabetes* will: 1)conduct up to 10 in-depth interviews with adults to get information about their experiences with diabetes management and care. We will also develop a community advisory board including key tribal stakeholders and IHS providers to guide the program design; 2) adapt the TOD program based on information collected in Aim 1; 3) collect information from 200 adults (100 receiving the TOD program, 100 in a comparison group) to learn if the program makes individuals healthier and happier; and

WHEREAS, the last NARCH X proposal – *Addressing the emerging burden of invasive Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus diseases among American Indians* will: 1) add Group A Strep to an ongoing surveillance project for tracking serious invasive diseases (including *S. aureus*) and monitor how many people are experiencing this infection the impact of any medical interventions; 2) Over three years, we will enroll 50 individuals with Group A Strep disease and 50 individuals with *S. aureus* disease, and 100 individuals without the diseases for comparison with questionnaires, chart reviews and nose swabs for analysis to be compared in order to learn about risk factors; 3) Based on information from Aim 2, interventions to reduce risk of Group A Strep disease and *S. aureus* disease will be developed and will include educational materials to increase awareness and promote prompt treatment of Group A Strep, which can prevent serious consequences; 4) The different types of Group A Strep and SA germs will be compared in lab testing to learn about transmission of the germ and how to reduce transmission.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the NARCH X 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 APRIL 5, 2017 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ZERO against, and ONE 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).

Kasey B. Vela Acting
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

5-23-17
Date

Doreen T. Numkena
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