



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Gates Foundation Maternal RSV Grant Proposal)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for 37 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the efforts and assistance that Johns Hopkins University has given to the White Mountain Apache Tribe to identify health problems which exist in the community and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked effortlessly to address the high rates of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) among Apache infants; and

WHEREAS, in our continued prevention efforts of RSV prevention, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Novavax– *Maternal RSV Vaccine Study: A Study to Evaluate the Efficacy of Maternal Immunization with RSV F Vaccine in Preventing RSV Lower Respiratory Tract Infection in Young Infants (NCT02624947)*; and

WHEREAS, goal of the RSV F vaccine study is a phase III randomized, placebo-controlled study, which aims to determine safety of this new vaccine when given to healthy pregnant women and to measure how well it works to prevent RSV in their babies; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to enroll about 8,600 pregnant women in total around the world and we propose to add White Mountain Apache women into this study over the next year and a half because RSV is so common among AI/AN populations, it is important to show that this vaccine will work in the communities where it is needed most.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Johns Hopkins to submit a grant application to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Novavax– *Maternal RSV Vaccine Study: A Study to Evaluate the Efficacy of Maternal Immunization with RSV F Vaccine in Preventing RSV Lower Respiratory Tract Infection in Young Infants (NCT02624947)* to continue the efforts of RSV prevention.

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.

Resolution No. 07-2017-166

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 12, 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).

			
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date