



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(SAMHSA Grant Proposal)

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for nearly 40 years, which aim to raise the health status for all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health has operated jointly on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) programs to develop and build capacity within our community to address the high rates of suicide and suicidal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the prior SAMHSA grants afforded us the opportunity to better understand suicidal behaviors through the creation of youth specific curriculum entitled: *Empowering Our Spirits: Apache Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative (EOS)* and utilize a three-tiered prevention approach (individual, family, and community); and

WHEREAS, to continue our efforts in understanding and preventing suicides and suicidal behaviors with youth and young adults in our community, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to once again submit a grant application entitled: *State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant SM-19-006* to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the proposal is to expand on the suicide prevention efforts currently in existence and continue a three-tiered prevention approach to decrease Apache youth suicidal behaviors (thoughts, attempts, deaths) through the engagement of individual, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, the project will consist of three aims:

Goal 1: Promote community awareness & education through continued support of surveillance program, increased community in-services, and further media efforts in the local newspapers and radio stations enhancing protective factors against suicide and the National Lifeline.

Goal 2: Connect youth and families to established community prevention programs such as the Elders' School Program and field trips to sacred sites, as well as natural helpers and service providers to ASIST training to better identify when these youth are at risk.

Goal 3: Expand access to needed prevention interventions through the Apache Surveillance System to improve access to clinical services, and community led programs such as "New Hope".

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves

the request of a grant application submission entitled: *State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant SM 19-006* to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for continued suicide prevention efforts.

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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 **MARCH 6, 2019** 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).

 3/12/19  3-14-19
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Tribal Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date