



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Transition of Active Bacterial Surveillance to a Stand Alone Study Protocol to Address Invasive Diseases)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”; and
- WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for 40 years, which aim to raise the level of health for all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Neisseria meningitidis* diseases have affect many Native Americans in the Southwest US, specifically among the White Mountain Apache community; and
- WHEREAS,** The Active Bacterial Surveillance (“ABS”) of these invasive diseases was initiated during the PCV-7 vaccine clinical trial on March 12, 1997, as authorized by Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-97-046; and
- WHEREAS,** Active Bacterial Surveillance has been essential to informing vaccine policy, measuring disease incidence and monitoring trends over time; and
- WHEREAS,** John Hopkins, this day, is requesting for the Active Bacterial Surveillance to become its own study proposal and a separate stand-alone protocol to address invasive diseases which will include:
- Calculating accurate rates of disease within the community;
 - Data measuring of disease incidence;
 - Monitoring disease trends over time;
 - Sharing data results with local public health authorities, publishing in public health journals, and presenting at conferences; and
 - Formulating recommendations for disease prevention and treatment strategies; and

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WHEREAS, Data analyses will be de-identified when data cleaning is complete and will be maintained with the highest standards of confidentiality. When analyses are complete, the JHU study team will share the findings with the Tribal Council and Health Board for feedback and discussion of recommended next steps for prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the proposal by Johns Hopkins University and finds that approving it will contribute to the epidemiological knowledge of the Tribe, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to transition the Active Bacterial Surveillance to a stand-alone study proposal protocol to better understanding and address this persistent disease among the White Mountain Apache community.

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.

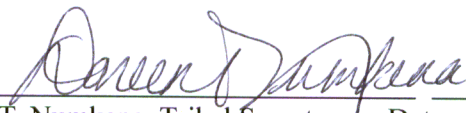
The foregoing resolution was on **OCTOBER 2, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **ELEVEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT 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).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

Date

10/3/19



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date

10/3/19