

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Submission of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Proposal)

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(j) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "To accept grants and donations from any person, State, or the United States"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health ("JHU"), has collaborated on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA") programs to develop and build capacity within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") community to address various health disparities; and
- WHEREAS, The Council, by Resolution No. 07-2013-150, authorized JHU to conduct a NARCH VIII project *Brief Intervention Targeting Dual Risk for Substance Use and Sexually Transmitted Infection: Educate, Motivate, Protect, Wellness & Respect* ("EMPWR") program and *Rigorous Evaluation of New or Innovative Approaches to Prevent Teen Pregnancy:* Respecting the Circle of Life (RCL) program, was authorized via Resolution No. 04-2015-62; and
- WHEREAS, Both EMPWR and RCL were developed to prevent the transmission of STI's/HIV and reduce substance use and abuse with youth and adults among the Reservation community; and
- WHEREAS, To continue our efforts of reducing high rates of STI's/HIV and substance use/abuse with youth and young adults among the Reservation community, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application entitled ("Grant"): Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Age 13-24 to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"); and

WHEREAS, The goals of the grant are to:

- 1) Provide services to those at highest risk for sexually transmitted infection (STI), HIV and substance use disorders;
- 2) Provide training and education around the risks of substance misuse, provide and education on STIs, HIV/AIDS; and

3) Provide needed linkages to service provision for individuals with STI/HIV; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the proposal from JHU and finds that authorizing submission of the Grant proposal will contribute to the understanding of important health risks among Reservation residents, 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 authorizes Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health to submit to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) a grant application entitled: *Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Age 13-24* for continued STI/HIV and substance use/abuse 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 **DECEMBER 9, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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, Chanwoman Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date