



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## **(Authorizing Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Proposal)**

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

**WHEREAS,** The 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 various health disparities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council, by Resolution No. 05-2012-653, approved Johns Hopkins to conduct a NARCH VII project entitled, *Promoting Protective Factors to Prevent Substance Use Risk in Apache Youth: Arrowhead Business Group (“ABG”) Apache Youth Entrepreneurship Program*; and

**WHEREAS,** ABG was developed to prevent high school dropout and improve academic performance of students at risk for failing or quitting school, which places them at higher risk for substance use and suicidal behaviors; and

**WHEREAS,** To continue efforts of combatting high rates of high school dropout, substance use, and suicidal behaviors, Johns Hopkins is requesting approval to submit a grant application entitled: *Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success* to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and

**WHEREAS,** The goal of the grant is to build off the success of ABG by:

- 1) Preventing the misuse of substances among youth and adults;
- 2) Reducing substance-misuse related problems;
- 3) Strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the community level;
- 4) Implementing a comprehensive prevention approach;
- 5) Expanding the reach of ABG to more Apache community members ;
- 6) Providing entrepreneurs with additional capacity building; and

7) Connection to local mentoring and job placement opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, This Council has reviewed Johns Hopkins' proposal to apply for the grant, and finds that authorizing the same may help reduce drop-out, suicide and alcohol and drug abuse rates amongst young adults, 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 to apply for the grant entitled: *Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success* to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for continued entrepreneurship engagement to prevent and reduce substance use/abuse and suicide within 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.

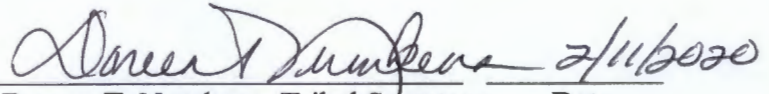
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 10, 2020** 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  
Tribal Chairwoman

2/11/2020  
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary  
Date