



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

## **(Authorizing Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) Study)**

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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 level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Hib disease remains a serious health problem in the White Mountain Apache community for reasons unclear to medical staff at the Whiteriver Indian Hospital; and
- WHEREAS,** To address the Hib concern in the White Mountain Apache community, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health is requesting to conduct a research study entitled: *Optimizing Protection of Native American Children from Hib Disease* (the HibVax Study); and
- WHEREAS,** PedvaxHib is the recommended vaccine utilized within the US and despite use of PedvaxHib, rates of Hib disease remain higher among AI/AN children than in other populations so improved vaccines or other strategies are needed to reduce the disease burden; and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of the study determine the effectiveness of the a new combination vaccine, Vaxelis, that protects against Hib and five other diseases and would decrease the number of vaccines babies would receive; and
- WHEREAS,** The study will compare and evaluate the immune response of Vaxelis to the immune response of PedvaxHib (currently the recommended vaccine for Hib) for the White Mountain Apache community;
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that authorizing the HibVax Study, at this time, may help to decrease incidences of the disease among the Apache people, and is int 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  
the *Optimizing Protection of Native American Children from Hib Disease (The HibVax Study)*, which is funded through the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Resolution No. 02-2020-27**

**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.

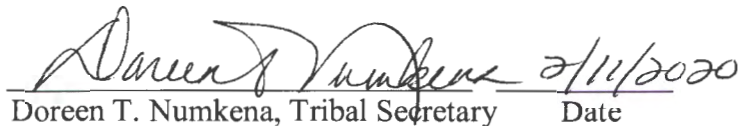
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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