



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing NARCH to Apply for Three NARCH XI Funding Opportunities)

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 Council and Johns Hopkins University have worked in partnership for 40 years to conducted research projects to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Council continues to support the research and innovative strategies which increase health-related educational and training opportunities for its tribal members in an effort to educate and train individuals who can apply and teach others within the tribe to improve the overall health of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) and the Indian Health Service (“HIS”) jointly operate and fund the Native American Research Centers for Health (“NARCH”) program which awards, on a competitive basis, funds to develop and implement tribally-controlled health research activities and training; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with NARCH guidelines and based on its long-standing relationship with Johns Hopkins in addressing priority issues of the tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to continue its successful NARCH partnership with Johns Hopkins University (Resolution No. 08-2000-247) through an application for four NARCH XI funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The NARCH XI – *WMAT-JHU NARCH Student and Faculty Development Program* will expand on our previous and current NARCH Student and Faculty Development efforts by supporting a two-pronged effort with formal public health training and community-based training/ professional development in health research for health leaders on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The first NARCH XI proposal – *Adaptation & Evaluation of Bright Horizons, An Evidence-based Intervention for Prevention of Binge Drinking and Drug Use* will seek to enhance the innovative Bright Horizons cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) plus motivational interviewing (MI), for substance use prevention by: 1) re-invigorate the Bright Horizons program with a formative phase to allow for further adaptations as needed to meet the changing landscape of substance use, including the rise of opioids; 2) employ a rigorous qualitative method and incorporate best practices from new and innovative substance use prevention programs; 3) we will conduct a brief pilot to ensure that the adaptations are acceptable and feasible, as well as make sure the training is well developed; 4) conduct a wait-list Randomized Controlled Trial to generate evidence that this new

intervention is effective; and

WHEREAS, The second NARCH XI proposal – *Improving the Continuum of Care for Breast Cancer among White Mountain Apache Adults* will: 1) implement a community-led public health campaign to increase breast cancer screening; 2) develop and implement new systems for breast cancer patients to ensure they are supported throughout their treatment journey; 3) train and increase capacity for key stakeholders and staff specifically around cancer care and awareness; and

WHEREAS, The last NARCH XI proposal – *Interventions to address the large burden of Staphylococcus aureus infections* will building on the ongoing collaborative work with IHS by: 1) develop culturally appropriate education materials for prevention and early recognition of SA infections for patients at high risk, such as individuals visiting the wound and diabetes clinics; 2) evaluate the acceptability of biomedical interventions, such as topical nasal antibiotics and antiseptic body washes, to decrease colonization with SA in households of individuals seeking care for SA infections; 3) pilot the efficacy of a household decolonization protocol compared to education in decreasing SA colonization and preventing SA infections.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the NARCH XI funding application in its entirety and supports the training and research proposals outlined above to be submitted to the National Institutes of Health funding agency.

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 **JULY 1, 2020** 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).

	<u>7/21/2020</u>		<u>7-21-2020</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date
Tribal Chairwoman			