



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Authorizing Johns Hopkins to Apply for the National Institute of Health H Rad-x HUBS Supplemental Grant on the Tribe's Behalf)

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- 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 Council, in partnership 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,** The Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked tirelessly to address the health disparities and inequalities among the White Mountain Apache people; and
- WHEREAS,** Via Resolution 07-2016-163, the Council approved the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) *Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth (“HUB”)* grant proposal, which seeks to establish Collaborative Hubs to conduct research focused on reducing the burden of suicide and promoting resilience among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth; and
- WHEREAS,** The NIH has announced funding specific to addressing COVID-19, which our current HUB project is eligible to apply for to reduce the burden of this disease; and
- WHEREAS,** The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health is requesting to submit a supplemental grant proposal to the NIH under the grant title: Emergency Competitive Revisions for Community-Engaged Research on COVID-19 Testing, RAD-x #121 (the “Grant”); and
- WHEREAS,** The Grant will focus on expanding our efforts to reduce the burden of COVID-19 disease—focusing on two high-risk groups: 1) elders, because they experience more severe disease and some are slow to seek needed care; and 2) young adults, ages 18-34, who now have the highest number of cases, but tend to be less observant of social distancing recommendation or isolation when they test positive; and
- WHEREAS,** The Grant, if awarded, will test new interventions for both groups, including:  
1) equipping participants with a text-based app, thermometers and pulse oximeters to check symptoms daily; 2) culturally based motivational education to help reduce barriers and improve facilitators to testing, and appropriate isolation, symptom monitoring and care-seeking when positive; and

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**WHEREAS**, The Council have reviewed the grant proposal and finds that authorizing John Hopkins, at this time, to apply for the Grant will help the Tribe in recovering form and understanding COVID-19, 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 approves the National of Institutes Emergency Competitive Revisions for Community-Engaged Research on COVID-19 Testing, RAD-x #121 funding application in its entirety and supports the research proposal outlined above to be submitted to the NIH funding agency to expand on the suicide prevention efforts of addressing the burden of COVID-19 disease for the White Mountain Apache Tribe and support for other tribal communities.

**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 22, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** 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).

 8/18/2020  
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood                      Date  
Tribal Chairwoman

 8-19-2020  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary                      Date