



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript *Connecting Contact Tracing, High-Risk Outreach, and Early Intervention to Reduce COVID-19 Morality on a Native American Reservation* Prepared by Indian Health Service Personnel)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation 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 the Whiteriver Service Unit of the Indian Health Service (“WRSU”), has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** WRSU in collaboration with members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is requesting permission to publish the manuscript entitled: *Connecting Contact Tracing, High-Risk Outreach, and Early Intervention to Reduce COVID-19 Morality on a Native American Reservation*; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Reservation community, and little is known about the impact of early intervention for individuals at high risk of complications; and
- WHEREAS,** A partnership between WRSU Contact Tracing and WMAT Outreach members, an early-intervention program with frequent home visits among high-risk tribal members with COVID-19 led to significant reductions in COVID-related mortality not only among the high-risk groups but across the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** A better understanding of the impact of early intervention could result in additional resources and further improved outcomes for the Tribe’s members affected by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** No personal identifiers are indicated or referenced in the manuscripts, and all information contained in the manuscripts is submitted for the purpose of developing strategies to continue to support this community-based effort and build upon this health partnership between WRSU and WMAT; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that the publication of the manuscript would help build the body of scholarship and understanding of COVID-19 and be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

Resolution No. 12-2020-301

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript *Connecting Contact Tracing, High-Risk Outreach, and Early Intervention to Reduce COVID-19 Morality on a Native American Reservation*.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of the publication should it be accepted for publication.

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 8, 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman 12/9/20 Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary 12/9/2020 Date