



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Memorandum of Agreement between the Tribe and the Center for Health Equity Research at Northern Arizona University for two COVID-19 Prevention Related Research Projects)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(b) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with Federal law or this constitution, with any person, association or corporation with any municipality or any county, or with the state of Arizona or the United States, including agreement with the State of Arizona for rendition of public services”; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Health Equity Research at Northern Arizona University “CHER” has approached the Tribe’s Community Health Representative Program and requested the Tribe’s participation with two COVID-19 related research projects; and

WHEREAS, One project seeks to measure awareness and attitudes among the community of COVID-19 prevention, and vaccination, while the other will evaluate the impact of educational materials and strategies on enhanced awareness, trust, self-efficacy, and willingness and intent to participate in COVID-19 vaccine trials and future vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Participants in the projects will be compensated through small monetary gratuities; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Office of the Attorney General has negotiated with CHER a draft Memorandum of Agreement to provide terms for the Tribe’s participation in the studies, and to protect all personally identifiable and non-identifiable health information which will be collected (“MOA” attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the draft MOA and finds that its approval will assist in understanding the attitudes of minority populations about COVID prevention and vaccination efforts and will help educate Tribal members about COVID-19 prevention and vaccination 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 the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Tribe and the Center for Health Equity Research is hereby approved.

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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 **MARCH 3, 2021** 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).

	<u>3.4.21</u>		<u>3-5-2021</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date