



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Authorizing Publication of manuscript *Long Term COVID-19 Pulmonary Sequelae in a Native American Population in Rural Arizona* Prepared by Indian Health Service Personnel)**

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**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 Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Acute COVID-19, defined as the illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus after initial infection, has had a significant impact on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation community; and

**WHEREAS,** Post-acute COVID-19 is a syndrome that ranges from prolonged pulmonary disease to neurological and cognitive issues and is emerging as a health crisis that will remain after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided; and

**WHEREAS,** Minority populations, including Native Americans, continue to be under-represented in population-based studies, particularly with regard to emerging and poorly understood conditions like post-acute COVID-19 syndromes; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon observing several members of the Tribe develop long-term complications after COVID-19, the WRSU started actively following such patients and has since incorporated their long-term care into a specialty clinic to expedite care, and hasten specialty referrals; and

**WHEREAS,** There is a lack of data regarding similar experiences in either rural medicine or from facilities that predominantly service Native Americans in the literature, this manuscript seeks to provide insight to the prevalence, underlying risk factors, and potential treatments for similar communities; and

**WHEREAS,** WRSU, this day, is requesting permission to publish the manuscript entitled: *Long Term COVID-19 Pulmonary Sequelae in a Native American Population in Rural Arizona*; 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, its members, and will potentially benefit other tribal and rural communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript *Long Term COVID-19 Pulmonary Sequelae in a Native American Population in Rural Arizona*.



**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 APRIL 7, 2021 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and TWO 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	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
<u>4/6/2021</u>	<u>4-8-2021</u>
Date	Date