



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to Apply for the NARCH XII Grant)

- 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 Tribe recognizes the aims of the NARCH program, which include working towards reducing health disparities in AI/AN populations, supporting health research projects selected and prioritized by AI/AN communities, encouraging research capacity and infrastructure building within AI/AN communities, and enhancing health research partnerships while promoting a cadre of scientists and researchers interested in AI/AN health research; 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 Tribe wishes to continue its successful NARCH partnership with Johns Hopkins University through an application for three NARCH XII opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the training project – *WMAT-JHU Student and Faculty Development Program*, which will expand on our current NARCH student and faculty development efforts by supporting a two-pronged effort with formal public health training for WMAT Investigators and students and community-based training and professional development in health research for White Mountain Apache health leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the proposed diabetes and depression/anxiety project proposal because diabetes disproportionately strikes AI/AN communities and co-occurs with depression and anxiety at rates much higher than would be expected from either condition alone. The project will design and evaluate a family-based, culturally centered intervention for White Mountain Apache Adults who suffer from both Type 2 Diabetes and depression or anxiety. The project will build on our past work and will adapt the Together On Diabetes ("TOD") program for Apache adults who are experiencing both diabetes and depression or anxiety through culturally informed strengths-based modules to improve mental health and diabetes-related health outcomes; and

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WHEREAS, The Council supports the Fathers project proposal – *Strong Fathers: Empowering Justice-Involved Native American Fathers to Reduce Substance Use and Create Healthy Family Relationships*, which will aim to: 1) qualitatively understand attitudes, beliefs and practices around risk and protective factors for substance use and parental engagement among justice-involved fathers, 2) informed by these qualitative results, design a culturally grounded intervention for justice-involved fathers and their sons, and 3) test the feasibility, acceptability and preliminary outcomes of the intervention for impacts on father’s substance use and parental engagement; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe, in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, developed the NARCH XII application to improve the well-being of Apache people through a novel training program, a program to help adults suffering from diabetes co-occurring with depression or anxiety, and a program to promote healthy relationships and reduce substance use among justice-involved fathers; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the above projects and finds that authorizing the John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to apply for the grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund the NARCH XII projects 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 hereby approves and supports the NARCH XII Projects and grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health as presented.

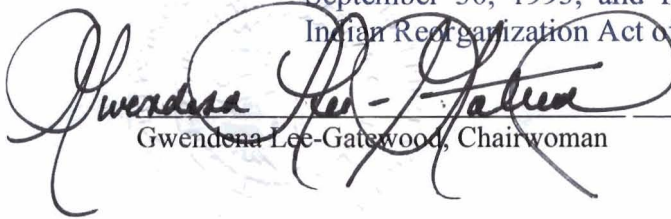

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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.

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The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 2, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).

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Gwendolyn Lee-Gateswood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date