



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

## A Sovereign Tribal Nation

### **(Authorizing Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to Conduct Research Study Entitled: “Family Spirit Longitudinal Study”)**

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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 I(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 to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe and Johns Hopkins University's Center for American Indian Health ("JHU") have a long history of conducting studies to address infectious diseases that occur at higher rates among the White Mountain Apache and other Native American populations; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 20 years ago, the Family Spirit home-visiting program was designed through intensive community-based participatory processes for and by American Indian communities, including those from the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** A randomized controlled trial to evaluate Family Spirit was supported by the National Institute for Drug Abuse prevention between 2006-2011, entitled “Home Outreach to Promote Health for Teen Mothers and Children – Cradling of Future” was approved by Tribal Council (resolution #11-2005-306) demonstrated Family Spirit significantly improved parenting knowledge, and reduced parenting stress, marijuana and illicit drug use, and depressive symptoms in mothers; and

**WHEREAS,** JHU, this day, requests approval to conduct an 18-year follow-up study of the above listed Randomized Controlled Trial of Family Spirit to understand impacts on participating mothers’ (who will be ages 32-39) and children’s (who will be ages 18-20) histories of substance use, suicidal thoughts and behaviors and related consequences; and

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**WHEREAS,** The study would entail the following:

- 1) Aim 1: Identify the long-term impact (17+ years post-intervention) of Family Spirit (FS) on mothers' substance use and suicidal thoughts and behaviors compared to mothers in the control group;
- 2) Aim 2: Identify the long-term impact of FS on youth substance use and mental health status;
- 3) Aim 3: To explore individual and intergenerational drug use pathways (including first use, misuse, polydrug use, pre-addiction, abstinence, recovery, etc.) from a volunteer sub-sample of children and mothers who participated in the original trial using qualitative methods to learn how personal histories affected these pathways; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health's request, and finds that approving this study is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members well-being.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to conduct the "Family Spirit Longitudinal Follow-up Study" to understand the impacts of the Home Outreach to Promote Health for Teen Mothers and Children – Cradling of Future conducted over 15 years ago with teen mothers and their children.

**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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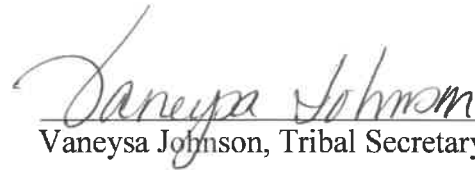
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 15, 2022 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman      8-18-22  
Date

  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary      8/19/22  
Date