



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript: *The unique genomic epidemiology of COVID-19 within the White Mountain Apache Tribe, April – August 2020, Arizona, Prepared by TGen North and Indian Health Service*)

- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe, in conjunction with the Indian Health Services Whiteriver Service Unit (“WRSU”), and Translational Genomics Research Institute (“TGen”), has engaged collaboratively in the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”); and
- WHEREAS,** WRSU and TGen are requesting the Council’s permission to publish the manuscript entitled: *The unique genomic epidemiology of COVID-19 within the White Mountain Apache Tribe, April – August 2020, Arizona*; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Reservation community, and an integrated approach was taken that included rapid diagnostic testing and case identification, contact tracing efforts, and genomic characterization of the virus in coordination with Tribal government agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** Viral genomic sequencing and variant tracking provided the Tribe with an understanding of how the COVID-19 virus began spreading across the reservation and important information on the viral strains circulating in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Viral genomics complemented the public health response and contact tracing efforts, which were able to identify transmission chains of the virus throughout the community, and further contributed to the knowledge and actions of the clinical team as the pandemic unfolded; and
- WHEREAS,** The manuscript contains no personally identifiable protected health information; and
- WHEREAS,** The manuscript identifies the Tribe to give credit for their efforts and contribution to the response and showcase the successful collaboration to a public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that the publication of the manuscript would help build the body of knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 and genomic epidemiology, and be in the

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best interests of the Tribe, its members, and will potentially benefit other tribal and rural communities during a public health response.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript *The unique genomic epidemiology of COVID-19 within the White Mountain Apache Tribe, April – August 2020, Arizona*.

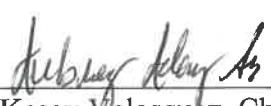
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of the publication should it be accepted for publication.

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 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 DECEMBER 7, 2022 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 November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Janeysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date
