



***Resolution No. 04-2023-86***

# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

**(Supporting and Recommending Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health Research Entitled: “NATIVE-RISE Risk Identification for Suicide and Enhanced Care with Youth”)**

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**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“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 Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) for more than 40 years with the purpose of raising the level of health of all Reservation residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The White Mountain Apache Tribe and Johns Hopkins have worked effortlessly to address the high rates of suicidal behaviors among the Apache people and to understand the barriers to suicide prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** “*Service-Ready Tools for Identification, Prevention, and Treatment of Individuals at Risk for Suicide*” was approved May 5, 2021 (resolution #05-2021-93); and

**WHEREAS,** We are requesting approval to submit a grant proposal to the Klingenstein Philanthropies to replicate the NATIVE-RISE program with youth under age 18 titled “*NATIVE-RISE Risk Identification for Suicide and Enhanced Care with Youth*”; and

**WHEREAS,** the following study activities originally identified in resolution #05-2021-93 will remain the same for this age range:

- 1) mathematical equation, embedded in the Electronic Medical Record at the Whiteriver Service Unit, that will identify individuals at risk of suicide and help link them to appropriate outreach and enhanced care
- 2) implement and optimize NATIVE-RISE for the health care setting
- 3) determine the effectiveness of NATIVE-RISE; and
- 4) describe the costs, resources, and consumer-, provider-, and setting-level barriers to implementing NATIVE-RISE as it is implemented to inform improvements and scaling; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed and considered JHCIH’s request and finds that applying for the Grant funding to conduct the proposed study is essential to continued enhancement of the suicide prevention efforts and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

