



*Resolution No. 04-2023-89*

# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Supporting and Recommending Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health to apply for the National Institutes of Health Research (R01) for study activities of the PCV 13 – Part II)**

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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 health disparities and inequalities among the White Mountain Apache people; and

**WHEREAS,** The “*Two Part Study on Pneumococcal Pneumonia*” was approved January 2015 (resolution #01-2015-03) and amended in 2019 amended (Resolution #05-2019-91); and

**WHEREAS,** We are requesting to proceed with a new grant application for the same study activities that are part of the two-part PCV-13 pneumococcal study to the National Institutes of Health due to the original funding not being awarded; and

**WHEREAS,** the following activities identified in resolution #05-2019-91 will remain the same:

- 1) Perform whole genome sequencing to characterize the diversity of pneumococci overall and of specific serotypes (e.g., serotype 3) circulating in the community and causing disease to better understand why certain vaccine serotypes continue to cause disease and which serotypes are more likely to cause disease than others; and

**WHEREAS,** Data analysis will be de-identified and maintained with the highest standards of confidentiality. When analyses are complete, the JHU study team will share the findings with the Tribal Council and Health Board; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council has reviewed and considered JHCIH’s request and finds that applying for the Grant funding to conduct the proposed study activities is essential to better understand the burden of pneumococcal among the community and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

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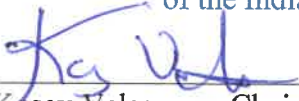

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health to apply for the National Institute of Health grant for the study activities that are part of the two-part PVC-13 pneumococcal study.

**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 APRIL 12, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ONE 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	Vaneyssa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date