



Resolution No. 04-2023-93

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Whiteriver Service Unit to publish manuscript “Integration of public health into clinical services to address a resurgent syphilis epidemic in a rural American Indian community, Whiteriver, Arizona, January – December 2022”)

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 “[t]o represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe, in conjunction with the Whiteriver Service Unit, has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, American Indians, particularly rural populations, including members of the Tribe, are disparately impacted by sexually transmitted infections, like syphilis, that directly contribute to high rates of congenital syphilis and fetal demise; and

WHEREAS, The Whiteriver Service Unit has implemented an aggressive and innovative approach to enhance screening, diagnosis, and treatment at the local hospital facility of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 2022 under this new approach, the Whiteriver Service Unit observed substantive and significant reductions in the number of cases of syphilis and reduced time to treatment, possibly revealing strategies for syphilis outbreaks elsewhere in the United States, particularly rural locations; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that support of the Service Unit’s manuscript 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 authorizes the Whiteriver Service Unit to publish the manuscript “Integration of public health into clinical services to address a resurgent syphilis epidemic in a rural American Indian community, Whiteriver, Arizona, January – December 2022”, as described herein.

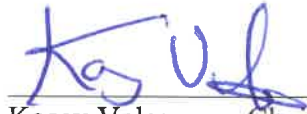
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

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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.

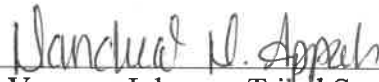
The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 12, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ONE against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

4.14.23

Date



Vaneyesa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

4/14/2023

Date