



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Whiteriver Service Unit to Publish a Manuscript Titled “Rheumatic Heart Disease on an Eastern Arizona Reservation, 2007-2022”)

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, including members of the Tribe, are disparately impacted by conditions (diabetes, hypertension) that to lead high rates of cardiovascular disease, including structural heart disease (“SHD”); and

WHEREAS, American Indians, including members of the Tribe, are disparately impacted by Group A Streptococcal infections, and there remains a concern that post-infectious sequelae like Rheumatic Heart Disease (“RHD”) in this population has led to undetected SHD; and

WHEREAS, Access to echocardiography, or cardiac ultrasound, is limited in rural settings like the Whiteriver Service Unit and the Tribe approved a proposal to understand new implementation techniques in order to improve access to echocardiography for WMAT members (resolution 10-2020-237); and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that support of the Whiteriver Service Unit’s manuscript is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members, and agrees that the manuscript will support the notion that SHD and RHD are more common among American Indian communities and will serve as mechanism to advocate for improved access to diagnostic tools like echocardiography to the Tribe and other American Indian communities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Whiteriver Service Unit to publish the proposed manuscript titled, “Rheumatic Heart Disease on an Eastern Arizona Reservation, 2007-2022”, 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.

Resolution No. 08-2023-196

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 AUGUST 02, 2023 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and FOUR 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>8.3.2023</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>8/3/2023</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date