



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to Conduct the Proposed Study “Co-design of an American Indian Structural Heart Disease Extender Program (IN-STEP Part 1)”

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 lead to high rates of cardiovascular disease, including structural heart disease (“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, increased access to cardiac ultrasounds, early detection of heart disease, and improved surveillance can improve outcomes in structural heart disease, thereby decreasing associated morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, this day, proposes to the Council that it be authorized to conduct a study on development of a cardiovascular disease extender program, co-designed with the community and integrated within the Community Health Representative Program; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that support of the proposed study is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members, and agrees that the proposed study will increase access to echocardiography and contribute to improved health outcomes for members of the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to conduct the proposed study, “*Co-design of an American Indian Structural Heart Disease Extender Program (IN-STEP Part 1)*” to co-design a cardiovascular disease extender program as envisioned by the community as described herein.

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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 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 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).

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