



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to Conduct the Proposed Study: “American Indian Structural Heart Disease Extender Program (IN-STEP Part 2 – IHS Comparison Data)”)

- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power, “To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to [the] constitution”; 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, 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 the evaluation 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 authorizing the proposed study will inform the design of the cardiovascular disease extender program to have the greatest impact to increase detection of structural heart disease and contribute to improved health outcomes for members of the Tribe.

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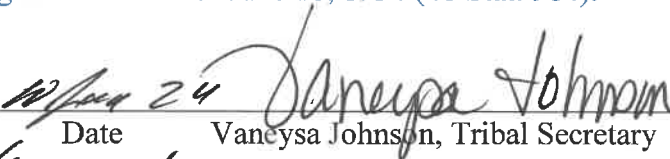
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to conduct the proposed study, “*American Indian Structural Heart Disease Extender Program (IN-STEP Part 2 – HIS Comparison Data)*” to evaluate a cardiovascular disease extender program as envisioned by the community, as described herein compared to the current standard of care provided by the Indian Health Service.

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 JANUARY 03, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for, ZERO 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	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary
<u>1/3/24</u>	<u>01/10/2024</u>
Date	Date
<i>acting chairman</i>	