



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Certain Manuscripts by Johns Hopkins Personnel)

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 Tribal Council supports the continued progress and positive outcomes from the research projects that have attributed to medical and mental/behavioral science, and the development of preventions and interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate certain health problems on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins is requesting permission to publish three manuscripts entitled:

- 1) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on invasive pneumococcal disease in Indigenous communities in the Southwest US
- 2) COVID-19 convalescent plasma therapy decreases inflammatory cytokines
- 3) Clinical characterization of acute COVID-19 and Post COVID-19 Conditions 3 months following infection: a cohort study among Indigenous adults and children in the southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, No personal identifiers are indicated or referenced in the manuscripts, and all information contained in the manuscripts is submitted for the purpose of developing strategies designed to intervene and diminish the problems associated with *COVID-19, Pneumococcal, Suicide, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, and Sexually Transmitted Infections* occurring among members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The manuscripts, will be submitted for publication in the following medical journals, **Journal of Infectious Disease, mBio, and BMC Infectious Diseases**; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the publication of the manuscripts would be in the best interests of the Tribe and the education for the whole community and prevention of *COVID-19 and Pneumococcal* among members of the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the three manuscripts described herein for publication in the Medical Journals listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of each publication should it be accepted for publication.

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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 **FEBRUARY 6, 2024** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** 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	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date