



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Publication of Certain Manuscripts by Johns Hopkins Personnel)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“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

WHEREAS, The Tribe, in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University, has conducted research projects on the Reservation for more than 40 years with the purpose of improving the level of health of all Reservation residents; and

WHEREAS, The 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; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins is requesting permission to publish eight (8) manuscripts entitled:

- 1) Developing a Suicide Risk Model for Use in the Indian Health Service
- 2) Do existing machine learning based suicide risk models hold relevance for American Indian populations?
- 3) Facilitators and Barriers to Implementing a Community Suicide Database & Prevention Program in Diverse Tribal Communities
- 4) Factors influencing behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among Indigenous families in the Southwest US
- 5) Impact of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines on Otitis Media among AI/AN children in the Southwest U.S.
- 6) A Phase 3 Trial to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of V114, a 15-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, Followed by 23-Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine 6 Months Later, in Adults 18–49 Years of Age (PNEU-DAY): Subgroup Analysis Based on Enrollment at Center for Indigenous Health sites
- 7) The burden and molecular epidemiology of group A *Streptococcus* among American Indian individuals in the White Mountain Apache Tribal lands
- 8) Trajectory of antibody responses one year following SARS-CoV-2 infection among Indigenous individuals in the Southwest 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 *Suicide, COVID-19, and Pneumococcal* 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 Race and Ethnic Health Disparities, Pilot and Feasibility Studies, Health Education & Behavior, Microbial Genomics, and Journal of Infectious Diseases, American Journal of Psychiatry, Digital Medicine, and Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society*; and

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WHEREAS, the Council finds that publication of the manuscripts would be in the best interests of the Tribe, the education for the whole community, and for the prevention of suicide, 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 eight (8) 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 copies of each publication should it be accepted for publication.

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 7, 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>8.7.24</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>08/08/2024</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date