



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

## **A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

### **(Authorizing Publication of Certain Manuscript by Johns Hopkins Personnel)**

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**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, “[t]o 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 one (1) manuscript entitled: Native American Families' Resiliency to Cope with the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Food Access, Water Access, and Child Feeding: A Qualitative Analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** No personal identifiers are indicated or referenced in the manuscript, and all information contained in the manuscript is submitted for the purpose of developing strategies designed to intervene and diminish the problems associated with the impacts of *COVID-19* occurring among members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** The manuscript will be submitted for publication in the following medical journal: *Journal of Maternal and Child Nutrition*; and

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests 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.

***Resolution No. 12-2024-247***

**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 DECEMBER 18, 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).

<u>Kasey Velasquez</u>	<u>12-19-24</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>01/07/2025</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date