



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

## **A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

### **(Authorizing Publication of Three Manuscripts 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, “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 various 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 three (3) manuscripts entitled:

- 1) Pneumococcal carriage among Indigenous children in the Southwest United States in 2022-2023
- 2) RSV hospitalizations among American Indian and Alaska Native children in the Southwest United States and Alaska, 2020-2023
- 3) Nirsevimab is effective against RSV – associated hospitalizations among American Indian and Alaskan Native children in the Southwest United States and Alaska, 2023-2024; 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 *Pneumococcal* and *RSV* occurring among members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** The manuscripts will be submitted for publication in the following medical journals: *Pediatric Infectious Disease and Clinical Infectious Disease*; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council finds that publication of the manuscripts is in the best interests of the Tribe, the education for the whole community, and for the prevention of Pneumococcal and RSV among members of the Tribe.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the three (3) 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 copies of each publication should it be accepted for publication.

***Resolution No. 03-2025-33***

**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 MARCH 05, 2025 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ZERO against, and ONE 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>3-6-25</u>	<u>Vaneysa Johnson</u>	<u>3/6/2025</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date