



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

## **A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

### **(Authorizing Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to Publish a Manuscript Titled “Developing Personas to Co-Design a Heart Health Program for Native Americans”)**

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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 the Whiteriver Service Unit, has worked to improve 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,** increased access to cardiac ultrasounds, early detection of heart disease, and improved surveillance can improve outcomes for those impacted by heart disease, decreasing associated morbidity and mortality; and
- WHEREAS,** Access to echocardiography and other cardiac specialty care is limited in rural settings, like the Whiteriver Service Unit, and the Tribe, via Resolution No. 08-2023-197, approved a proposal to better understand the needs of the community with regard to heart disease and to co-develop a heart disease program; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council supports the continued progress and positive outcomes from the various research projects that have contributed to medical science, and the development of preventions and interventions seeking to decrease or alleviate certain health problems; and
- WHEREAS,** Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center is requesting permission to publish the proposed manuscript titled, *“Developing Personas to Co-Design a Heart Health Program for Native Americans”*; and
- WHEREAS,** No personal identifiers are authorized and shall not be referenced in the manuscripts, and all information contained in the manuscripts is submitted for the purpose of increasing access to echocardiography and improving health outcomes for members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council finds that support of the Cincinnati Children’s manuscript is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members, and agrees that the manuscript will support the notion that community-based participatory research methods, like developing personas, can serve as a tool to create interventions that are both tailored to individual needs and varied to address different populations around health issues, such as heart health, as demonstrated in the manuscript.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to publish the proposed manuscript titled, "*Developing Personas to Co-Design a Heart Health Program for Native Americans*," as described herein.


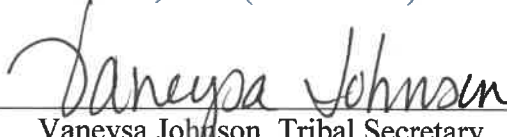
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests copies of each publication should it be accepted for publication.

**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.

**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 APRIL 02, 2025 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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>4.2.25</u>		<u>04/02/2025</u>
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman	Date	Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary	Date