WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian 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 the Whiteriver Service Unit ("WRSU"), has worked to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, WRSU in collaboration of Centers of Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), is requesting permission to publish the manuscript entitled: Morbidity and Functional Outcomes Following Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Hospitalization— Arizona, 2002–2017; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever ("RMSF") has had a significant impact on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation community and little is known regarding the long-term neurological consequences for survivors; and

WHEREAS, A better understanding of long-term consequences of RMSF could pave the way for additional resources to the Tribe’s members affected by RMSF; 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 to better understand and detect consequences of RMSF among members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the publication of the manuscript would help build the body of scholarship and understanding of RMSF and be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript Morbidity and Functional Outcomes Following Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Hospitalization— Arizona, 2002–2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests a copy of the 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
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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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 OCTOBER 7, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date