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RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING EMERGENCY DECLARATION ADDRESSING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK FOR THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

No. 181-2020

- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing Body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, education, and resources of the Blackfeet Indian Nation, and
- WHEREAS,** The enumerated powers of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council contained at Article VI, section 1(g) of the Constitution include the management of Tribal affairs in acceptable and business-like manner, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Department of Emergency Services "DES" operates the Emergency Operation Plan providing a coordinated response of emergency personnel and supporting services of all Tribal, County, and municipal agencies in the event of an emergency or disaster and during the aftermath thereof, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Indian Reservation, through Chairman Timothy F. Davis, issued an "Emergency Declaration" on March 15, 2020 to begin the engagement of the Blackfeet Tribe's Emergency Plan with all entities and jurisdictions affecting the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, tribal programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services in addition to receiving hourly updates from federal and state entities met on March 16, 2020 and has determined that certain immediate action be taken to exact a full response to the COVID-19 health and economic threat to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby joins all efforts to “flatten the curve” to reduce the risk of infection by the COVID-19 outbreak in addition to formally adopting the Center for Disease Control “CDC” practices, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Reaffirmation of Emergency Declaration and Intent.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby reaffirms the “Emergency Declaration” by Chairman Davis of March 15, 2020, activating the Blackfeet Tribe’s DES Plan. That the “Emergency Declaration” is hereby attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference. This Resolution further emphasizes the importance of minimizing risk of COVID-19 infection to individuals that are over sixty (60) years of age and/or individuals with compromised immune systems or underlying health care problems.
2. **DES Plan Leadership and Public Updates.** Pursuant to the DES Plan, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has appointed Robert Des Rosier and Rosemary Cree Medicine as liaisons to work with Indian Health Services to lead the DES Plan. James McNeely is serving as the Blackfeet Tribal Public Information Officer for the Blackfeet Tribe. The Tribal Chairman shall continue to serve as the official spokesperson for the Blackfeet Tribe and shall issue daily updates as they arrive to the public, either by local television, radio or social media.
3. **Closure of the Blackfeet Tribe and Leave Authorized.** The Blackfeet Tribal Headquarters and all its tribal programs shall be closed effective immediately until March 29, 2020. All permanent employees shall receive “Administrative Leave” for eighty (80) hours. All temporary employees shall receive “Administrative Leave” based upon the hours they worked in the last pay period. Timesheets will not be required to be turned in. The Blackfeet Tribe desires to have the entire workforce return to work on March 30, 2020 pending further monitoring of the risk of infection to the public.
4. **Tribal Program Directive to Reduce Contact.** All tribal programs shall develop a plan to reduce social interaction by implementing other means of communication such as telephone, email, video conferencing, etc.
5. **“Emergency Tribal Programs” to Remain Open.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council issued a list of “Tribal Emergency Programs” that shall remain open to the public for health and safety needs. That list is hereby attached to this Resolution and incorporated by reference. Directors of these programs shall be required to follow the CDC’s recommendation for the workforce of each program. This shall at a minimum require that all employees who continue to work under a “Tribal Emergency Program” receive the required health screen.

6. **Temporary Workforce Authorization.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has authorized temporary employees to be able to assist the “Tribal Emergency Programs” with their workforce needs in addition to hiring additional temporary employees for such assistance.
7. **Reservation-Wide Curfew.** Curfew of all residents of the Blackfeet Reservation shall be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., except for those individuals working during the curfew.
8. **Liquor Sales Limited to Package Liquor/No Bars Serving Alcohol.** All bars shall be closed; however, package liquor is permitted for sale until further notice.
9. **Price-Gouging Prohibited.** Price-gouging of goods or services shall result in a loss of the Tribal Business License.
10. **Private Businesses.** All private businesses are encouraged to follow the health practices recommendations of the CDC when serving the public.
11. **Trash Service to Continue.** Solid Waste shall continue to dispose of trash during this period.
12. **Amendment of Tribal Policy.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council shall, when required to do so, amend current policies for tribal programs in the event current policies conflict with the intent of this Resolution. Further, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council shall continue to monitor this outbreak daily and shall plan accordingly.
13. **Continued Delegation and Notices.** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council continues the delegation of full authority as described herein to coordinate all Emergency efforts and prioritization of tasks to guide recovery work with agencies, Tribal Bureau of Indian Affairs, State, Indian Health Services, and Counties. This Resolution shall be issued to all Tribal Programs and the Public and information on the COVID-19 outbreak shall be issued daily as described herein.
14. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman’s absence and the Secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council are hereby authorized to sign this Resolution and any other documents in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

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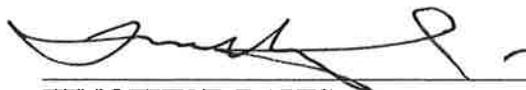
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ATTEST:

**THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE
BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION**



STACEY A. KELLER
Secretary



TIMOTHY F. DAVIS
Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in a duly called, noticed and convened Special session, assembled the 16th day of March, 2020, with six (6) Members present to constitute a quorum and with a vote of six (6) members FOR zero (0) OPPOSED and zero (0) ABSTAINING.



STACEY A. KELLER, Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

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