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TO : Tribal Council and Staff
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe

FR : Carlene Yellowhair, President
Administration Office

SUBJ : 2020 COVID-19 Administrative Order

As you are all aware, a new coronavirus, COVID-19 has been identified creating uncertainty with changes on the infection on a daily basis worldwide. The infection is highly contagious, due to community (person-to- person) spread and an exponential infection rate.

- On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 was a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.
- On January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, with retroactive effect to January 27, 2020.
- On March 11, 2020, the State of Arizona declared a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona.

Because COVID-19 is a new disease and no one has an existing immunity to the virus and it appears likely that transmission can occur before the onset of symptoms, as such, some people who are infected could inadvertently transmit the virus to others that may cause severe disease, including pneumonia and death.

For this reason, I certify that an outbreak of COVID-19 has a high probability of occurring in the near future and set the attached Administrative Order and resolution in place for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe with protocols that will be implemented and followed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

I, Carlene Yellowhair, President of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, under the Authority of the CONSTITUTION of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Article IV SECTION 2, ACCOUNTING MANUAL CHAPTER III, find and direct the following:

BACKGROUND

Recently, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that COVID-19 a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and that is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, poses a significant public health risk.

Further, the CDC has classified the public health threat posed by COVID-19 as “high” both globally and in the United States and has advised that COVID-19 will continue to occur globally and in the United States.

Accordingly, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex Azar declared. Public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020, retroactively applicable to January 27, 2020.

Currently we are not aware of any diagnosed cases of COVID-19 within the boundaries of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe and its neighboring community, but in anticipation of possible cases, and in order to ensure that the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe is educated about the public health risk, I issue this order.

ORDER

I direct the Department of Health Services to establish, coordinate and manage an information management structure to monitor COVID-19 development, provide public health information, make recommendations for further responses, and implement actions to address the COVID-19 outbreak. Further, I direct the Department of Health Services to consider its current statutory authority should it be necessary to implement public health measures and direct that it shall do so, as necessary, to address public health and safety.

This Order is to alert staff and Official to the seriousness of COVID-19, and of the need to stay informed and comply with official state, national, and global health directives.

All staff and Officials are to treat request from the Department of Health related to preparation and responses to the COVID-19 outbreak, as of the highest priority. All staff and Officials are further directed to use available resources and take actions reasonably necessary to implement steps

recommend by the Department of Health Services to address COVID-19. Tribal Council will meet weekly to establish a Emergency Preparedness plan every Tuesday from here on out. Further, all Tribal Council meetings will be closed off to the public, if Tribal Members wish, they call call onto our Lifesize telecommunication system.

This Order takes effect immediately for the next 15 business days and/or until further notice.

DATED at San Juan Southern Paiute on this 17th day of March 2020.



Carlene C. Yellowhair, President
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe