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**Resolution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Declaring COVID-19 State of
Emergency and Taking Proactive Measures to Prepare For, Prevent, Respond To and
Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 025

- WHEREAS:** The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council (“Council”) is authorized to represent the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (“Tribe”) and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as provided by Article V (a) of the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (“Constitution”); and
- WHEREAS:** Article V(m) of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council “[t]o regulate all matters and to take all actions necessary to preserve and safeguard the health, safety, welfare and political integrity of the Tribe;” and
- WHEREAS:** The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and officially declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, due to a virus called COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS;** the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on January 31, 2020; and
- WHEREAS;** Arizona declared a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** As of March 16, 2020, globally there are 175,817 total confirmed cases and 6,717 total deaths to-date related to COVID-19, and the situation is rapidly evolving with person-to-person transmission and continued community transmission; and
- WHEREAS:** the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease complications, and death, particularly for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions; and

WHEREAS: The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe finds it necessary to proactively take a lead on the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS: Public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that Tribal Members and their families remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS: in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal Members and their families, and Tribal government employees, staff and board members (“Tribal Government Personnel”), the Tribal Council is empowered to declare a state of emergency as the result of this public health emergency, particularly where this epidemic poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities or incidents of permanent or long-term disability; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single government agency and which will require the combined efforts of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe with other federal, state, local and tribal governments, and thus justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following:

1. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe declares that a state of emergency exists for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
2. All government related travel by Tribal Government Personnel is suspended during this State of Emergency.
3. Any Tribal government sponsored events or gatherings of more than 10 people scheduled through April 30, 2020 are hereby cancelled and may be rescheduled at a later date.
4. All Tribal Government Personnel shall follow the advice and instructions of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Health Department and Tribal Administration as it relates to COVID-19 while conducting business on behalf of the Tribe.
5. The Tribal Administration shall further implement actions recommended by the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Health Department to assist in controlling the spread of COVID-19, which may include, but not be limited to, implementing additional procedures for disinfecting Tribal offices, implementing telecommuting and the further use of the Tribe’s

IT technology to hold virtual meetings, and limiting in-person visits to the Tribal Administration Office as necessary to minimize person-to-person contact.

6. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Health Department is directed to (1) coordinate with all applicable state, federal and local health authorities regarding the outbreak, (2) disseminate public health information to Tribal Members and their families and to Tribal Government Personnel regarding proper measures to take to assist in controlling the spread of COVID-19, (3) serve as a coordinating and referral resource to Tribal Members and their families and Tribal Government Personnel regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, and (4) provide recommendations to the Tribal Administration and Tribal Council regarding any additional recommended measures to prepare for, prevent, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
7. This emergency declaration and its restrictions shall terminate upon the Arizona Department of Health Services determining that the outbreak has been resolved or upon a future resolution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, whichever occurs first.
8. The President or Vice President, or their duly authorized representative, are authorized and directed to take actions as necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, presented for approval on March 17, 2020, with a quorum of 7 in attendance, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority contained under the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as cited above.



Carlene Yellowhair, President

ATTEST:



Tamara Talaswaima, Tribal Secretary