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Resolution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Extending Stay-at-Home Order Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-044

- 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 empowers the Tribal Council to appropriate and 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:** due to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-025 dated March 17, 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-029 dated March 30, 2020, the Tribal Council declared a Stay-At-Home Order due to the Covid-19 outbreak; and
- WHEREAS:** between March 17, 2020 and April 28, 2020, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases on the Navajo Reservation has increased from 2 to 1,873 and the Tribe has had several confirmed cases within the Tribe during this time period; and
- WHEREAS:** the situation regarding the COVID-19 is continuing to evolve with person-to-person transmission and the degree of contact with contagious individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** COVID-19 continues to pose a real and serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, its Tribal Members, employees, and particularly our elders, who reside within the Navajo Reservation; and
- WHEREAS:** it is necessary and appropriate to extend the Stay-at-Home Order to ensure that the spread to COVID-19 is controlled in order to protect the health and safety of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Tribal Members and their families, Tribal government employees, and our neighboring communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following:

1. The Tribal Council hereby issues the following emergency directives in coordination with the Tribal Administration and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Health Department:
 - a. **STAY-AT-HOME ORDER:** In order to preserve the public health and safety of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe and its members and to mitigate the risk of infection, all members of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe shall stay home or at their place of residence except to obtain food and other essentials, access medical care, or do work essential to the functioning of the Tribal government. Should people need to leave home to obtain such necessities, they should do so in limited numbers and take preventative precautions as advised by the Tribal Health Department.
 - b. First responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Services are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing Essential Government Functions. Essential Government Functions are defined as all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribe.
2. Additionally, the Tribal Council hereby advises the public to take the following preventative precautions:
 - a. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - b. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - c. To the extent possible, avoid touching common surfaces in public places, such as elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, and shaking hands with people.
 - d. Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes.
 - e. Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs, particularly frequently touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, faucets, and cell phones.
 - f. Avoid crowds in public, social, religious and ceremonial settings and adhere to Social Distancing Standards, for example, standing at least 6 feet away from other people not within your household.
 - g. Sanitize items that you are bringing into your home.
 - h. Avoid all non-essential travel.
3. This Stay-at-Home order shall continue and shall remain in effect through **July 5, 2020** unless otherwise extended by Resolution of the Tribal Council.

4. The President or Vice President is authorized to issue an Executive Order upon the terms of this Resolution and shall have the authority to determine if any person or business has violated this order and to take such other measures as are necessary to enforce the provisions of this order.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, presented for approval on June 5, 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 Palaswaima, Tribal Secretary