



LEECH LAKE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ORDERING ENHANCED MITIGATION OF THE COVID-19 THREAT BY REMAINING HOME UNLESS NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN AND PROTECT LIFE

WHEREAS, The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe ("Band") is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to its inherent sovereign authority and its By-Laws, the Band's Reservation Business Committee ("RBC"), made up of duly elected representatives, is the governing body of the Band, having all the legislative powers and responsibilities of the tribal government; and

WHEREAS, The RBC is charged with the responsibility of protecting and advocating for the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Covid-19 Pandemic threatens the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, posing the greatest risk to Elders and members with underlying medical conditions, the Leech Lake RBC has a duty to put necessary measures in place to protect the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members; and,

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, the Leech Lake RBC declared a Public Health Emergency for responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic and suspended all unnecessary travel for all tribal programs, including personal travel, and activated the Emergency Management Team to coordinate a response plan to protect the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members and to plan for the other potential threats posed to the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has taken actions to significantly mitigate the spread of Covid-19 by reducing social contact between community members and restricting commercial activity to what is necessary to sustain health and wellbeing for all Minnesotans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Leech Lake RBC, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, does hereby ORDER that all individuals residing or present within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation remain home

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except while performing essential personal, familial, spiritual, or cultural activities necessary to sustain and protect life, practicing social distancing at all times, from March 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless the Leech Lake RBC determines that extending this period is necessary. The restrictions on public activities include:

- All in-person gatherings of any number are prohibited except for members of a single household; and,
- Limit travel to the minimum necessary to gather essential household and medical supplies or treatment or to commute to work if in-person work is necessary; and,
- All commercial and government activities, except those necessary to sustain or protect life, of Leech Lake Band are closed to the public; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following this period of enhanced social distancing, social distancing will remain in effect and non-essential commercial and government services of the Leech Lake Band will remain closed to the public until May 1, 2020 unless the Leech Lake RBC determines that extending this period is necessary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Leech Lake RBC employees previously identified as essential during Covid-19 Emergency Action planning will continue to perform the job duties necessary to carryout the critical operational functions and any other job duties required by Division Directors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any individual who willfully violates the restrictions in this resolution shall be subject to the civil jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee because violation of these restrictions is deemed to be conduct that threatens or has a direct effect on the political integrity, the economic security, and the health and welfare of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, its tribal members, and the Leech Lake Reservation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any individual who willfully violates the restrictions in this resolution shall be subject to penalties of the State of Minnesota for violating any Executive Order from the Governor of Minnesota which may include the same or similar restrictions, and any other remedies that may be just and necessary considering the circumstances; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this Resolution is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or amended by subsequent Resolution duly enacted by the RBC.

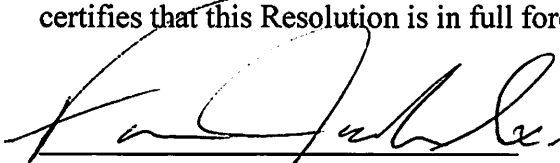
CERTIFICATION

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted on by a vote of 4 for, 0 against and 0 silent at a Special Meeting of the Leech Lake


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Reservation Business Committee, a quorum being present, held on MARCH 26, 2020 at Cass Lake, Minnesota. Accordingly, this Resolution is duly adopted by the Reservation Business Committee for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the Reservation Business Committee further certifies that this Resolution is in full force and has not been amended or rescinded in any way.



Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe