



LEECH LAKE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO.2020-112

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING MASKS OR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN
IN SHARED PUBLIC AREAS, HALLWAYS, OR OTHER COMMON AREAS**

- 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 the health, safety, and welfare of Leech Lake Band members; and
- WHEREAS,** The RBC declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 12, 2020, and issued a Stay at Home Order on March 23, 2020, that required all commercial and government activities, except those necessary to sustain or protect life, of the Leech Lake Band to be closed to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** The Stay at Home Order expired on June 1, 2020, and the RBC has begun a phased reopening of government buildings and services; and
- WHEREAS,** The Center for Disease Control ("CDC") and Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") have indicated that COVID-19 spreads from person to person through respiratory droplets and that asymptomatic individuals with COVID-19 can still transmit the virus to others; and
- WHEREAS,** The CDC and MDH have indicated that wearing a mask or cloth face covering may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others; and
- WHEREAS,** The RBC has found that requiring the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings in shared public areas, hallways, or other common areas of Leech Lake Band of

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Ojibwe buildings or facilities can protect the health, safety, and welfare of its employees and Band members by preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Leech Lake RBC, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, requires that every person, over the age of two years old, entering a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe building or facility must wear a mask or cloth face covering while in shared public areas, hallways, or other common areas of the building or facility. Children over the age of two years old must wear masks or cloth face coverings that they can take off without assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the expiration of Public Health Emergency Declaration Resolution No.2020-076.

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 Reservation Business Committee, a quorum being present, held on July 16, 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