

[Insert Name of Tribe] Resolution in Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The [Insert Tribal Entity] Calls for Support in Preparation and Response of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a new type of coronavirus (COVID-19) causing respiratory illness was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China that has since spread worldwide;

WHEREAS, the outbreak has been declared a public health emergency by the United States and many other nations worldwide, and declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO);

WHEREAS, person-to-person spread is rapidly occurring in the United States, several confirmed cases in Indian Country;

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities are disproportionately impacted by health conditions which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states put someone at an increased risk for a more serious COVID-19 illness, including respiratory illnesses, diabetes, and other health conditions;

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly clear that Tribal Nations require additional resources to protect and preserve the lives of our people;

WHEREAS, chronic underfunding of the Indian health system strongly contributes to the lack of readiness and availability of resources in our Tribal health systems to protect and preserve the lives of our people;

WHEREAS, the best hope of protecting our people and neighboring communities places great economic burden to the [insert name of Tribe], including the closure of government operations and Tribal enterprises;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the [insert name of Tribe] calls on the federal government to honor its Treaty and Trust Responsibility to Tribes in this time of public health emergency and during future public health emergencies and crises;

BE IT RESOLVED, that **[insert name of Tribe]** calls on the federal government to send funding, technical assistance, medical countermeasures, pharmaceuticals, and personal protective equipment directly to Tribal governments so that Tribal communities are equipped to protect and prepare an appropriate response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that **[insert name of Tribe]** believes that state and local governments should work in unity with Tribal governments when distributing much needed public health resources, whether or not our Tribal Nation is in a time of public health emergency.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the **[insert name of Tribe]**, with quorum present, on **[March __, 2020]**.

[INSERT SIGNATURE]

[Name, Title of signer]