



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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March 17, 2020

Today, March 17th, 2020, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee and I approved resolution number 001-20-036 declaring a state of emergency for White Earth Reservation. This is in reference to the highly contagious COVID-19 outbreak. With this declaration, the RBC will allocate \$1 million to be utilized for security, food, medical, energy, and other areas deemed necessary by the White Earth Emergency Management Team.

At this time, the RBC directs the Tribal Emergency Operations Plan to be used to direct and control tribal and other assets needed. The RBC fully authorizes the White Earth Emergency Manager or his/her designee to coordinate all relief efforts in order to save lives, protect property and public health safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe on White Earth Reservation. Our number one priority right now is our people and our employees.

For those of you who have questions about our Mahnomen and Bagley casinos, please check Shooting Star Casino's social media and website for updated information. Additionally, to keep informed on RBC news, please watch for updates on our White Earth Nation Facebook page and www.whiteearth.com.

Again, the White Earth RBC is fully dedicated to its nation and employees. We will do everything in our power to keep our people safe. To aid us in this time of need, please help alleviate the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Avoiding close contact with those who are sick (six feet)
- Not touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Washing your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap
- Using an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Staying home if you are feeling symptomatic or sick
- We advise no unnecessary travel at this time

If you are feeling sick or have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath), please call your healthcare professional or hospital before going there. This will allow them to prepare for your arrival and to take all of the necessary precautions needed. The Minnesota Department of Health has set up a public hotline regarding general COVID-19 questions from 7AM to 7PM. The hotline number is 651-201-3920.

Miigwech for your time!

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 001-20-036

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the purpose of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee to “promote the general welfare of the tribe” through the efficient and effective management of the Reservation resources, and

WHEREAS, White Earth Home Health has initiated and implemented steps to monitor and respond to the White Earth COVID-19 Public Health Event, and

WHEREAS, the need for response and coordination has expanded beyond the parameters of White Earth Home Health, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby determines that the above mentioned COVID-19 Public Health Event justifies a Declaration of Emergency, and declares that a disaster exists throughout the boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation; and

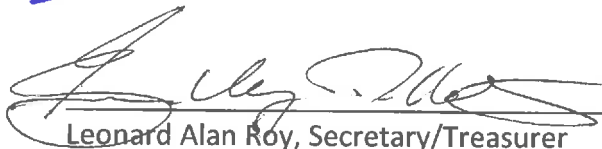
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee directs the Tribal Emergency Operations Plan be used to direct and control Tribal and other assets and fully authorizes the White Earth Emergency Manager or his\her designee to coordinate all relief efforts in order to save lives, to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe on the White Earth Indian Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee allocates up to \$1,000,000 to be utilized for security, food, medical and energy and other areas deemed necessary under the authorization of the White Earth Emergency Manager during the COVID-19 Public Health Event.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a special meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on March 17, 2020 in White Earth, Minnesota.



Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer