

**RESOLUTION  
COVID-19 STAY HOME, PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ TRIBE**

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**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ with the United States of America on \_\_\_\_\_, reserving sovereign and aboriginal rights in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, Article \_\_, § \_\_ of the Tribal Constitution provides the Tribal Council is empowered to promote and protect the health and welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

**Commented [A1]:** If your tribal constitution does not have similar language, you may replace with alternative language such as "based on the inherent sovereignty of the tribe, the Tribal Council..."

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and poses a higher risk to our elders and our community members who have underlying health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, as of \_\_\_ p.m. on March \_\_, 2020, indicated there are \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed cases of COVID-19 and \_\_\_ deaths resulting from COVID-19 at \_\_\_\_\_ [Tribal Nation]

**WHEREAS**, Washington State Department of Health, as of \_\_\_ p.m. on March \_\_, 2020, indicated there are \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed cases of COVID-19 and \_\_\_ deaths resulting from COVID-19 in Washington State and has now confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal community and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Reservation significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, on March \_\_, 2020, the \_\_\_\_\_[TRIBE] declared a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and both the United States and Governor Jay Inslee of Washington State have declared a public health emergency for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. Based on scientific evidence and best practices, the most effective way to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe, through Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_, hereby issues the attached letter “Community Directive to Stay Home.” This letter advises community members to stay in their home until further directed.

#### CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date there was a regular meeting held of the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ Reservation, at which time a quorum was present;

WE FURTHER CERTIFY, that the above numbered resolution, was at said meeting, introduced, evaluated, and was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ FOR, \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST, \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

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Attest:  
Council Member

#### ATTACHMENTS:

*Tribal Chairperson Letter: Community Directive to Stay Home, Protect Our Community Members*