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RESOLUTION NO. 03-21A-2020

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE MOLE LAKE RESERVATION IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC EFFECTIVE MARCH 13, 2020

WHEREAS, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community is a duly organized and federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under a Constitution adopted August 25, 1938 and approved on November 9, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sokaogon Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Mole Lake, Wisconsin did adopt a Constitution on November 9, 1938, as amended which confers certain sovereign powers upon the Tribal Governing Board by members of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Constitution, as amended, establishes a Tribal Council as the governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal council has the authority to take action to protect the health, well-being and general welfare of the Community and its members; and pursuant to that authority the Tribal Council declared a State of Emergency for the Mole Lake Reservation on March 13, 2020 and now wishes to formalize that declaration in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread through numerous countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020 there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and other health authorities expect that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 will translate into large numbers of people needing medical care, causing public health and healthcare systems to become overloaded, and affecting other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, access to food and other necessities and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus or COVID-19, a serious respiratory illness spreads from person-to-person, and the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus, which also delays the spread of the virus and reduces the impact of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has met and discussed the need for immediate action; and the Tribal Council is focused on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Mole Lake community, including those members at highest risk; and

WHEREAS, the conditions created by these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the members of the Community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe in cooperation with local, state and federal governments desires to take action to prevent the exposure to and spread of COVID-19 coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, because such emergency conditions require a proactive response to slow the spread of COVID-19, including providing support to implement federal, state and Tribal health operations and recommendations the Tribal Council shall declare a State of Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Tribal Council hereby declared a State of Emergency for the Mole Lake Reservation effective March 13, 2020 as a public health emergency exists, such Emergency will expire at the point the Tribal Council determines the Emergency is over.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, during the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the Tribal Council and departments will make all of its resources available to adopt, implement and support all actions and recommendations of the Tribal Council, its Public Health Agency, its Clinic and applicable Federal, State, Tribal and County public health agencies.

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that:

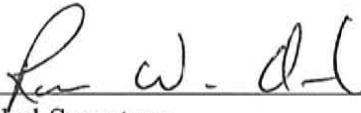
1. Terri Erickson is named as the Tribal Coordinating Officer.
2. The Tribal Council has activated the Incident Command System and named Victoria R. Ackley as the Incident Commander as well as naming several individuals to the Team; and further the Tribal Council delegated the required authority to respond and to take all necessary and appropriate measure to prevent and respond to the incidents of COVID-19

in public health emergency by communicating with County, Tribal, State and Federal Agencies.

3. Victoria R. Ackley is named as the Chief Executive's Authorized Representative for signature authority on required documents.
4. All Tribal travel has been suspended.
5. All Tribal Department Directors are required to post at their building contact information including phone numbers and emails for Community Members to access services.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ronald W. Quade, as Tribal Secretary, hereby certify that Resolution 03-21A-2020 was duly adopted by the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Council, composed of 6 members of whom 4 were present, which constitutes a quorum, held on March 21, 2020 effective March 13, 2020 by a vote of 6 member(s) for: and 0 member(s) against; and 0 member(s) abstaining; and 0 member(s) absent.



Tribal Secretary
Ronald W. Quade