



**Zuni Tribal Council  
Zuni, New Mexico  
March 19, 2020**

**Resolution Number: M70-2020-P037**

**COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration.**

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and six Tenientes, is declared to be the legislative authority of the Zuni Tribe by Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to approve, provide and to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe by Article VI, Section 1, paragraph d of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to enact ordinances, to provide for the enforcement of tribal ordinances and to provide by ordinance the orderly management of tribal affairs by Article VI, Section 1, paragraphs k, l, and m of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico has reported confirmed cases of COVID-19 and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has declared a statewide public health emergency and invoked her authority under New Mexico's All Hazard Emergency Management Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council has determined that the COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and well-being of the Zuni Tribe and Community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council recognizes that it will be necessary to coordinate with Zuni Tribal Divisions and Programs, local political and business entities, New Mexico State and Federal agencies for the purpose of emergency functions and management to minimize or avoid physical and economic harm; and,

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**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary for the Zuni Tribal Council to declare and institute a state of emergency for the Zuni Tribe and Community due to pandemic spread of COVID-19; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public health emergency is declared to exist on Zuni.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor, in consultation with the Zuni Tribal Council to the extent feasible, may expend, and/or employ, as it deems necessary, available tribal resources, including funds, equipment and personnel to assist with the mitigation of COVID-19 and to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that Zuni families and employees have adequate information, services, supplies and food during this emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor, Pueblo of Zuni, is authorized to take all reasonable actions to provide for and to protect the Zuni community, including but not limited to, expending tribal and emergency funds from all available resources for the provision of information, services, supplies and food, including requesting assistance from federal, state and local government, and entering into aid agreements with such entities and with businesses for the provision of services, supplies and/or food to the Zuni community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this public health emergency declaration shall remain in effect until further notice, and that:

1. All Tribal Divisions and Programs shall comply with all federal and state of New Mexico directives and recommendations related to COVID-19, and efforts to slow the virus spread, unless otherwise directed by the Governor's office, utilizing staff, equipment, supplies and other resources as needed; and
2. All Tribal Divisions and Programs are directed to implement reasonable measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including assessing the health of employees and ensuring that all tribal vendors, contractors, and other agents are taking reasonable measures of mitigation; and
3. The Tribal Emergency Operation Manager shall mobilize the Incident Command Team, and provide technical information and recommendations to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

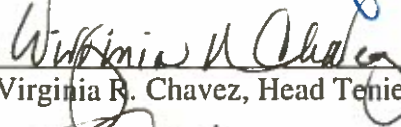
This Emergency Declaration may be supplemented or amended, and this Resolution supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations or directives or resolutions that conflict with this statement.

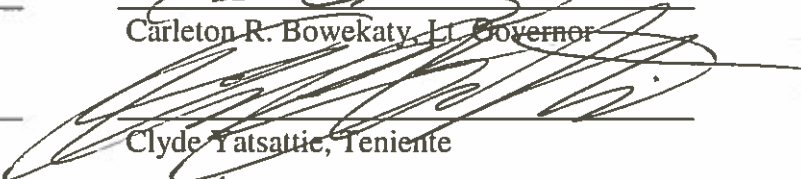
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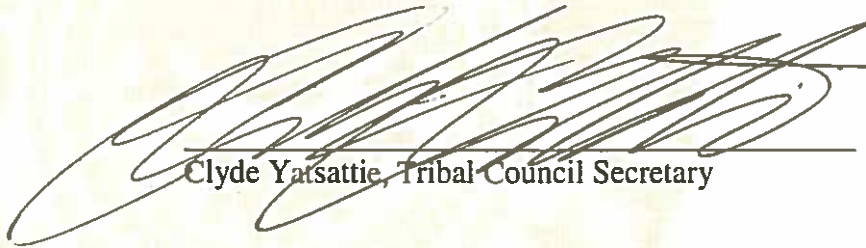
  
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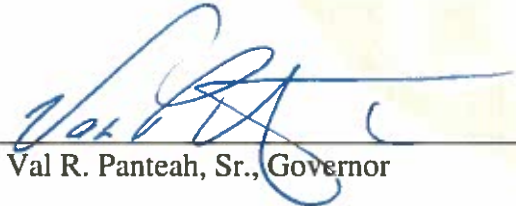
  
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**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of: 8 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; and 0 absent on March 19, 2020.

  
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Clyde Yatsattie, Tribal Council Secretary

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Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

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March 19, 2020  
Date