



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE
RESOLUTION NO. WR-39-2020**

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) AID

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Walker River Paiute Tribe empowers the Tribal Council to enact legislation and to invoke provisions of the Emergency Response Plan for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, and the general welfare and health of the Tribal Members of the Reservation, the Tribal Council has the authority to declare a state of emergency, and may delegate certain powers during a declared state of emergency or disaster and to thereafter work directly with state and federal agencies for applicable funding for further protecting life, public welfare, health, financial loss, and human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and State of Nevada has declared the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a declaration by the President of the United States was issued to invoke laws which evolved a public health national emergency to COVID-19 and acknowledges it as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Walker River Paiute Tribal Council passed Resolution No WR-37-2020, declaring a State of Emergency at Walker River Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, tribes need immediate assistance, with all aid including funding from Indian Health Services, the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, National Centers for Disease Control, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), National Indian Health Board (NIHB), USDA FDPIR, access to game and fish, protection and distribution of medicines, traditional medicine support, and access to safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe requests an immediate response to delivering COVID-19 testing kits to Indian Health Service health units within the reservation so when an imminent

danger arises the COVID-19 test kits can provide identification and location where presumptive, negative/positive cases are to be found to safeguard tribal members; and

NOW, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE RECITALS ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT A TRIBAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS within the boundaries and exterior boundaries of the Walker River Paiute Reservation in Schurz, Nevada, as declared in Resolution No. WR-37-2020.


IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of this State of Emergency; the authority, functions, and duties of the Tribal Council Chairman, Emergency Services Manager, and the Emergency Services System of the Tribe shall be the authority identified within our Tribal Constitution, Ordinances, Resolutions, directives, and emergency response plans approved by or adopted by the Tribal Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this national emergency shall be deemed to continue until such time the State of Emergency no longer exists or the threat of emergency has passed, and the Tribal Council or Tribal Council Chairman ends this emergency declaration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Nevada, Congressional Delegates, the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Indian Health Service, US Department of Health and Human Service, National Centers for Disease Control, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), National Indian Health Board (NIHB), National Centers for Disease Control, USDA FDPIR, and President of the United States of America, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, as appropriate and necessary, requesting that they declare and/or acknowledge that a State of Emergency exists on the Walker River Paiute Tribe Reservation, and that **all aid** be provided to the Walker River Paiute Tribe and for the Reservation as a result of said State of Emergency.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council of the Walker River Paiute Tribe composed of seven members of whom 5 constituting a quorum adopted the foregoing resolution on this 27th day of March 2020 by the affirmative vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada.



Gina L. Wachsmuth, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE