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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE
RESOLUTION NO. WR-43-2020

COVID-19: CURFEW

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe (“Tribe”) is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of establishing policy, taking action to protect the peace and safety of Tribal members; and taking action to provide administrative guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Walker River Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. WR-37-2020 that declared a State of Emergency based on the COVID-19 pandemic and established an Emergency Team to coordinate Tribal responses to COVID-19 events; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 threat, Tribal Chairwoman Amber Torres issued a letter dated March 17, 2020 to the community recommending that community members stay home and self-quarantine, and notifying the community that the Tribe has revised its operations to place most Tribal employees on administrative leave with only essential employees continuing to work; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the Tribal community, and cases of the illness continue to climb, with a similar rise in deaths; and many communities throughout the United States are experiencing a shortage of medical supplies needed to treat infected persons; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council continues to recognize the threat to the Tribe and members of the Reservation community who may be exposed to the illness, and recognizes that the immediate containment of the spread of COVID-19 is vital to protect the health and safety of Tribal members and others on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the rate of community spread of COVID-19 can only be reduced by minimizing

contact between infected persons and non-infected persons even prior to the expression of symptoms in an infected person; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Health Clinic has a limited ability to treat people with COVID-19 symptoms and local hospitals have informed the Tribe that they have implemented strict protocols to limit the influx of COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council enacted Resolution No. WR-42-2020 that prohibited gatherings of 5 or more people during the state of emergency, with certain exceptions, but the Tribal Council has been notified that numerous people throughout the Reservation have not been following these restrictions, especially during the night; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that extraordinary measures are required to address the state of emergency and that every individual has a responsibility to himself or herself, their family and their community to comply with directives issued to combat the COVID-19 epidemic, and the Tribal Council has determined that further restrictions on the movement of individuals are needed on the Reservation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker River Tribal Council hereby orders the following based on the need to protect individuals during the existing State of Emergency:

1. Curfew: A curfew is imposed on the Reservation applicable to all individuals on Reservation seven days a week from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

2. During curfew hours, individuals may leave their place of residence only in the event of an emergency or to perform "Essential Activities", which are: (1) activities or tasks essential to the health and safety of one's household (including livestock and pets), such as obtaining critical medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional for an imminent health need; and (2) obtaining necessary services or supplies (such as canned food, dry goods, produce, pet supplies, meat, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence); provided that Essential Activities are performed in limited numbers at all times adhering to Social Distancing Standards.

3. This Curfew does not apply to public employees and volunteers conducting governmental functions and does not apply to essential employees reporting to or from duty with official identification and/or a letter of designation from their Essential Business (as defined in Resolution No. WR-41-2020) employer on official letterhead which includes a contact for verification.

4. This Curfew does not apply to individuals traveling across the Reservation.

5. This curfew shall go into effect on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a person's failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Resolution constitutes an imminent threat to the public health. Any person found to be in violation of this Resolution is subject to criminal and civil penalties pursuant to the Tribe's Law and Order Code, which penalties may be up to 365 days in jail or a fine of \$5,000; and this Resolution shall be enforced by Tribal law enforcement and prosecuted before the Tribal Court by affording the accused with proper due process.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the order imposed by this Resolution shall remain in effect until the Tribal Council terminates the State of Emergency declared by Resolution No. WR-37-2020 or takes other action to revise, amend or rescind this Resolution.

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 the 3rd day of April, 2020 by the affirmative vote of 6 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