



MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
RESOLUTION # 031720-02
TRIBAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19 VIRUS
PURSUANT TO THE MORONGO MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND THE
STAFFORD ACT

WHEREAS, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (“Tribe”) a federally recognized Tribe eligible to receive services from the United States, listed on the federally registered Indian tribe list published by the BIA on February 1, 2019, 84 Fed. Reg. 120; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California and Riverside County have issued emergency declarations for COVID-19 as an imminent hazard and pandemic that has the potential for harm to people, the natural environment and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has the potential to threaten not only the health of the Morongo Indian Reservation community, but also the ability of the Tribe's government to continue providing essential government services and programs to the Tribe's citizens and other Reservation residents, if the Tribe's revenues from its gaming operations or other proprietary facilities diminish or cease, whether due to reduced patronage or closure in response to the request or mandate of other governments with jurisdiction over such matters.

WHEREAS, the Tribe, by and through the duly elected body of the Tribe, the Tribal Council, adopted the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Reservation Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) and which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted as a part of implementation the Plan, Tribal Council motions regarding governance and emergency allocation of resources and services; and

WHEREAS, The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (“Stafford Act”), 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5121, et seq., as amended, allows tribes to make direct requests for emergency relief if the Tribe has a FEMA-approved emergency plan, and in addition, tribes may directly ask the President for an emergency declaration and can ask the Governor of the State where the Tribe is located to include the Tribe in that State’s emergency declaration,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe makes this Declaration of Emergency as to COVID-19 for the period of the date of this Declaration until further action by the Tribal

Council and to provide a more comprehensive plan to address these issues on or before April 17, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe is authorized to take extraordinary measures to respond to this crisis and the Tribe will seek state and federal aid for any necessary crisis response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe, by and through emergency processes, may take actions to extend, modify or terminate agreements as necessary to protect the interests of the Tribe.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe calls on the Governor of the State of California to include all federally recognized Tribes located in California ("California Tribes") in any State of California declarations of emergency on COVID-19, and further to include all such California Tribes in any request for disaster relief assistance from the federal government as for the State of California.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council at a duly called Tribal Council meeting on March 17, 2020, by a vote of 4 in FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, and 0 ABSTAINING.



Chairman Robert Martin



Vice Chair James Siva



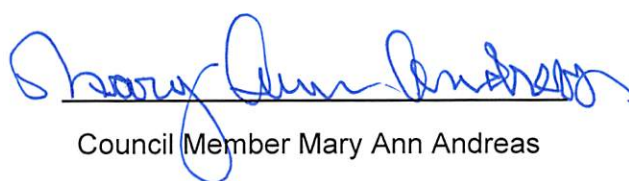
Council Member Charles Martin



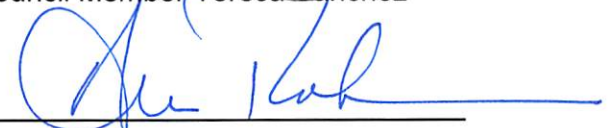
Council Member Teresa Sanchez



Council Member Brian Lugo



Council Member Mary Ann Andreas



Council Member Anne Robinson