

**RESOLUTION OF THE HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE
HOOPA VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION
HOOPA, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO: 20-08

DATE APPROVED: March 5, 2020

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COUNCIL DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION ON THE HOOPA VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

WHEREAS: The Hoopa Valley Tribe (the "Tribe") is a sovereign, federally recognized Indian Tribe recognized by the United States Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe adopted its Constitution and Bylaws of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation ("Constitution") on June 20, 1972, which was subsequently accepted and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 18, 1972 and ratified by Congress on October 31, 1988; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to its inherent authority and Article V of the Constitution, the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Tribe, having all the legislative powers and responsibility of the Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to its inherent sovereign authority and its Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized and empowered to protect and promote the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council has the inherent governmental authority to manage and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribe and its members, and to address conduct relating to the same on all lands on or in proximity to the exterior boundary of its Reservation that may affect the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS: In December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (as disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS: As of March 4, 2020, across the globe, there are more than 94,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, tragically resulting in more than 3,000 deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS: As of March 4, 2020, there are 129 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 53 in California, and more than 9,400 Californians across 49 counties are in home monitoring based on possible travel-based exposure to the virus, and officials expect the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS: Experts anticipate that while a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID-29 will experience a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID-19 will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have more serious

symptoms and require hospitalization, particularly individuals who are elderly or already have underlying chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative for the Tribe to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Hoopa Reservation and surrounding areas, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS: If COVID-19 spreads onto the Hoopa Reservation at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other states and countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risks to the public, maintains the health and safety of the people of the Hoopa Tribe, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system: and

WHEREAS: The Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, in its capacity as the governing body and pursuant to its inherent and constitutional authority, finds it necessary to declare a State of Emergency to minimize and mitigate the effects of potential spread of COVID-19 onto the Hoopa Indian Reservation, to make Tribal resources available, help formalize emergency actions already underway within tribal government, and help the Hoopa Valley Tribe prepare for the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: As part of the Tribe's management and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Tribe, its tribal members and tribal community, the Tribe, through its Tribal Council, has determined it is in the best interest of the Tribe to adopt this Resolution Declaring an Emergency Declaration on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation for Public Health Threat due to the Novel Corona Virus COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE HOOPA INDIAN TRIBE: That the Hoopa Valley Tribe, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, does hereby authorize and approve the Tribe to declare a State of Emergency in preparation and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council does hereby authorize and approve the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to authorize, activate, and enact emergency measures of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Emergency Operations Plan, and to delegate authority to the Chief of Fire and Office of Emergency Services to utilize tribal resources, including personnel, and equipment to mitigate the effects of this emergency for the protection of the Hoopa Tribal membership and the community of the Hoopa Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council does hereby authorize and approve the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to utilize tribal funds of up to \$25,000.00 that will be identified by the Chief Fiscal Officer, for purposes of supporting this emergency.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council does hereby authorize and approve the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

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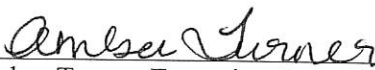
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council do hereby certify that the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, is composed of eight (8) members; of which eight (8) members were present, constituting a quorum at a Regular Meeting thereof; duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held this 5th day of March 2020; and that this Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of seven (7) in favor with zero (0) opposed and zero (0) abstaining, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

DATED THIS FIFTH DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Byron Nelson Jr., Chairman
Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

ATTEST: 
Amber Turner, Executive Secretary
Hoopa Valley Tribal Council