

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE 2020 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 476, and Bad River Tribal Council is the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Bad River Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of protecting and advocating for the health, safety and welfare of Bad River Band members within the Bad River Reservation boundaries and ceded territory; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 virus has been declared a pandemic on a global, national and state level, and as such, represents a significant danger to the people of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The impacts of this virus pose a higher risk of serious illness and/or death for elderly and individuals with chronic underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa places the highest regard on every elder in our community while also serving a tribal population that is disproportionately over represented with adults who have chronic conditions; and

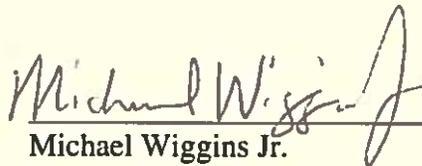
WHEREAS, the continued spread of Covid-19 virus in the State of Wisconsin, represents a real and present threat to the health, welfare and safety of all the residents of the Bad River Reservation.

WHEREAS, the Bad River Tribal Council hereby declares a Public Health Emergency or “State of Emergency” on the Bad River Reservation as a direct result of the Covid-19/Coronavirus pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall be served upon the following federal and state agencies with a request for assistance in combating this emergency, including: the Veteran's Administration, the Department of Education, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of the Interior, the Center for Disease Control, the Indian Health Service, the Wisconsin Attorney General's office, Wisconsin Department of Human Services and the Wisconsin Department of Health; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs every Tribal Department and Program director to continue implementing and coordinating prevention plans through our Emergency Response Policies with measures to prevent, mitigate and eliminate the risk of exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

Dated: 3/17/20



Michael Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman