



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION **COVID-19**

TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020 and furthermore, the World Health Organization official declared a pandemic due to COVID on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 20 cases of COVID-19 and have additional patients under investigation linked in the global outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash and visitors of the Community if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, SRPMIC Health and Human Services and Emergency Operations report that the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease, complications and death for members, residents and visitors of the Community, particularly those with underlying medical conditions or the elderly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local emergency declaration process under Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community's Code of Ordinances, the Community requires the President to declare a local emergency to institute special or

additional procurement and safety procedures to protect the public health, welfare, and safety or lessen the impacts of COVID -19; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Community, I recognize that it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents and visitors of the Community remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Community, working with its combined strength, unity and commitment, will work to protect the health and welfare of the Community against COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I hereby declare a local emergency against the COVID-19 pandemic for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and as President I, or in my absence the Vice President, shall have the authority to put in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives and property under Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community Code, until further notice:

1. To address increased concerns of potential public health impacts due to risk and exposure to the COVID-19, especially for our elders, by encouraging self-monitoring and practicing recommended preemptive measures to minimize, prevent and reduce risk of exposure to and from COVID-19.
2. In declaring the local emergency, all Community departments, programs, enterprise boards will comply and adhere to directives instructions, and/or policies forthcoming for the Community related to COVID-19.
3. In declaring a local emergency, the community manager may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Art. V, Section 1-502 of the Community Code.
4. The Community will continue to impose restrictions on public gatherings, meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. to limit the spread of COVID-19.
5. Community owned facilities not serving an essential government function including but not limited to the museum, libraries, Boys and Girls Club, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, the Way of Life Facility, etc., shall reduce, limit or cease operations to safeguard staff at such facilities, as well as members of the Community, residents, and visitors.



Martin Harvier, President

Attest:



Erica Harvier, Council Secretary

