Pueblo de San Ildefonso

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS the Pueblo de San Ildefonso ("Pueblo") is a sovereign and self-governing Indian tribe recognized as such by the United States of America; and

WHEREAS the Council is authorized to make laws for the Pueblo pursuant to Section 5 of the Governing Agreement of the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS the Council enacted Section 2.2.1 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY POWERS TO GOVERNOR which authorizes the Governor to take any and all appropriate actions necessary in emergency or urgent situations; and

WHEREAS the Coronavirus or COVID-19, a serious respiratory illness that spreads from person-to-person, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and there are multiple active cases of the virus in the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") advises that COVID-19 poses a higher risk to elders and persons with underlying health conditions, and that extra precautions should be implemented to prevent these high-risk populations from contracting the virus and to further limit the spread of the virus to the population at large; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020 and the U.S. President declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 and the Governor for the State of New Mexico issued an order declaring a state of public health emergency on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS this public health situation officially began on February 3, 2020 with the initial dissemination of COVID-19 information to the community and increased monitoring by the New Mexico Health Department, and this health situation is continuing with the full extent of impacts yet to be determined; and
WHEREAS the Pueblo could be significantly impacted by this public health situation and there is the need to implement all recommended public health protective actions and best practices for mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS even with these measures and actions, COVID-19 situation threatens the health, welfare and well-being of the Pueblo community members and Pueblo economy; and

WHEREAS all available public, private and non-governmental resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this health emergency will likely be insufficient to meet the needs of the situation and adequately protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS declaring a State of Emergency will facilitate the Pueblo’s protection of people and property from the impacts of COVID-19 and may expedite the deployment of outside resources to provide necessary assistance with the Pueblo’s emergency response efforts.

THEREFORE due to the public health emergency posed by COVID-19, I, as Governor of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, pursuant to the authority delegated under Section 2.2.1 of the Pueblo’s laws, am hereby declaring a State of Emergency for the Pueblo de San Ildefonso for the purpose of exercising emergency powers and expending resources to prevent the loss of life, property, and other valuable resources, as well as requesting emergency resources and assistance from state and federal government agencies.

I am further implementing the following protective actions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the Pueblo community effective immediately:

1. Cancelling public community events, encouraging social isolation of elders and other vulnerable community members and instructing all those residing on Pueblo lands who may be sick to stay at home;

2. Temporarily closing the Pueblo Senior Center, Church, Tewa Center, Gym and the El Rancho Hall and limiting access to the Pueblo Learning Center. Facility closures and limitations may be changed as deemed necessary and appropriate;

3. Establishing a protocol regarding reporting and self-quarantine measures for those residing on Pueblo lands who have recently traveled out-of-state, or who have been in contact with anyone who is experiencing symptoms of or has tested positive for COVID-19, or who themselves tested positive for COVID-19, and establishing enforcement mechanisms, including but not limited to fines or penalties;
4. Instruct all those residing on Pueblo lands to limit travel outside of the Pueblo except for work, grocery shopping or essential medical treatment;

5. Take measures to limit access to the Pueblo by those who do not live or work on the Pueblo, including tourists and nonessential vendors or contractors;

6. Establish a COVID-19 Response team and work with program directors and staff that may be identified as necessary to implement on-going government services for the community and to implement any emergency response as necessary based on changing nature of this public health emergency;

7. Reassigning Pueblo staff to perform emergency duties as required by the situation;

8. All other public health emergency actions required to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the impacts of this public health emergency, including amendment or supplement of this Declaration or issuance of Public Health Orders, as deemed necessary to protect public health and promote public safety.


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PERRY MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR