

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and worldwide threatens the safety and well-being of the Tribe.

COVID-19, is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and poses a higher risk to our elders and our community members who have underlying health conditions. In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Pandemic.

Coronavirus has yet to be adequately contained and national, regional, local, and tribal health officials have encouraged defensive measures including Coronavirus prevention, response plans, and declaration of public health emergencies.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature does hereby declare a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Menominee Indian Tribe shall coordinate and maximize all efforts and call upon County, State, Tribal, and Federal resources to assist to address the situation and to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature has identified the need for a Tribal Public Health Officer to oversee the response to COVID-19 and to coordinate with local, state, and federal partners according to the sovereign powers of the tribe to respond to a public health emergency. A Public Health Officer shall be appointed.

The state of emergency is terminated at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and well-being caused by the emergency no longer exists, and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency.

Menominee Tribal Legislature hereby issues this Declaration of State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in our state. Tribal departments are directed to utilize tribal resources and to do everything possible to assist our tribal community and tribal employees to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 outbreak.

BY:

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Menominee Tribal Legislature

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