

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 001-20-040

- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has determined that the COVID-19 virus justified a Declaration of Emergency, and the declaration that a disaster exists throughout the boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation was made on March 17, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is dedicated to protecting the health, welfare and safety of White Earth Band members within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Covid-19 virus poses a threat to the health, welfare and safety of White Earth Tribal Government employees, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, under the declaration of emergency, hereby limits the potential exposure to employees by reducing the staffing levels and ceasing program operations (with the exception of essential program services) of the White Earth Tribal Government, and that conditions will be reevaluated on a daily basis prior to decisions made to return to normal staffing and program services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all non-essential staff are to be sent home for a minimum of one (1) pay period beginning March 23, 2020 and shall receive their normal rate of pay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Tribal Government facilities and buildings will be closed to the public in order to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective March 23, 2020 and remains in effect until rescinded or amended by subsequent resolution duly enacted by the White Earth Reservation Business Committee.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a special meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on March 20, 2020 in White Earth, Minnesota.



Michael Fairbanks, Chairman



Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer