

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

**Resolution No.** 001-20-039

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (“RBC”) 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,** on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Walz declared a peacetime emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-04 to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 by restricting environments where the public congregates in groups, and

**WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, the White Earth RBC declared a state of emergency for the White Earth Reservation in response to the highly contagious COVID-19 outbreak, and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth RBC is committed to protecting the wellbeing of all tribal members and tribal employees at all times but especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and especially those who are most vulnerable to this pandemic, and believes that similar restrictions must be in place within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation so that we do our part to decrease the chances that the COVID-19 virus infects and spreads within our community, and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth RBC supports the temporary and immediate closure to the public of the following establishments which may be located within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation:

- Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverages for on-premises consumption;
- Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
- Hookah bars, cigar bars, and vaping lounges offering their products for on-premises consumption;
- Theatres, cinemas, indoor and outdoor performance venues, and museums;
- Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and spas;
- Amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities;

- Country clubs, golf clubs, boating or yacht clubs, sports or athletic clubs, and dining clubs

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth RBC encourages the above-listed establishments to offer delivery, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, taking all precautions to encourage social distancing recommendations when utilizing those options, and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth RBC will lift the restrictions after advice and guidance from the White Earth Emergency Management Team, or until such time that the emergency is terminated, now

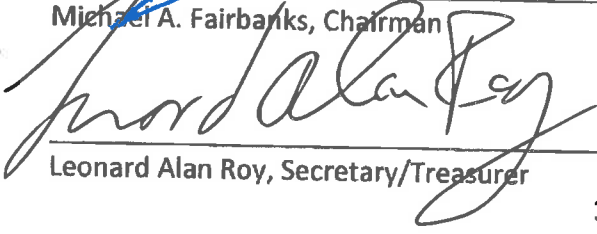
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby orders that all establishments listed above which are located within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation shall be subject to the same restrictions as outlined in Executive Order 20-04, and they shall be closed or offering alternative accommodations until further notice; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Public Safety Division, White Earth Conservation, and any other tribal, state and/or federal law enforcement agency are authorized to enforce this resolution upon establishments within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that any individual who willfully violates the restrictions in this resolution shall be subject to the civil jurisdiction of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, as well as subject to penalties of the State of Minnesota for violating Executive Order 20-04, and any other remedies that may be just and necessary considering the circumstances.

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.

  
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Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman

  
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Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer