RESOLUTION NO. 78-2020

Upon a motion by Secretary Strong, and a second by Representative Good, the following was enacted:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Tribal Council is the governing body of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians; and the Tribal Council has the constitutional authority and the responsibility to provide for the safety, health and welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been closely monitoring the progression of the COVID-19 virus and the impacts of the virus; the threats to public safety that the virus presents to the Red Lake Nation; and the guidance that has been regularly provided through the Indian Health Service, the Center for Disease Control, Minnesota Governor Walz, and other tribal, federal and state authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been working continuously to determine the risks to Red Lake Band members presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the steps that are necessary to safeguard the health and safety of Band members; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Tribal Council previously enacted a resolution requiring that all residents of the Red Lake Reservation be subject to a curfew between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am; and

WHEREAS, in order to further protect residents of the Red Lake Reservation in the event any resident of either Beltrami or Clearwater County tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, the Tribal Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of Red Lake Band members that all residents of the Red Lake Reservation be quarantined in their homes and yards so that the virus may be contained from spreading; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council hereby finds that in event a quarantine is ordered, persons will be able to shop for necessities, care for elders and vulnerable persons or others requiring assistance, attend medical appointments, and go to and from employment. Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby orders that all residents of the Red Lake Reservation shall be quarantined to their homes and yards as soon as a credible report of a resident of Beltrami or Clearwater County tests positive for the COVID-19 virus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes tribal staff to develop tribal regulations to further define the duties and responsibilities of residents of the Red Lake Reservation once a quarantine is ordered by the Tribal Council; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby orders that the penalty for violating a quarantine order shall be a citation issued by the Red Lake Police Department; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal Council shall review any order of quarantine within 15 days following the order, and each 15 day interval thereafter that the Tribal Council determines the quarantine should be continued.

FOR: 10
AGAINST: 0

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon at the Special Meeting of the Tribal Council held on March 23, 2020, with a quorum present, at the Red Lake Nation Headquarters, Red Lake.

DARRELL G. SEKI, SR., CHAIRMAN  
SAMUEL STRONG, SECRETARY