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RESOLUTION NO. 79-2020

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, on March 13, 2020 Chairman Seki issued a Public Health Emergency; 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, so as to further protect residents of the Red Lake Reservation, the Tribal Council enacted a resolution ordering that a quarantine of all residents of the Red Lake Reservation would take effect upon the confirmation that any resident of either Beltrami or Clearwater County tested positive for the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council hereby determines that it is necessary to provide heightened protections for residents of the Red Lake Reservation in the event it is confirmed that a resident of the Reservation or a person who regularly works on the Reservation has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus through the authority of the Chairman to declare a Medical State of Emergency where martial law shall be in effect; and

WHEREAS, Section 512.04 of the Tribal Code provides the authority for the Chairman to proclaim a state of emergency and to declare that martial law shall be in effect whenever he deems

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it necessary for the protection of life; and during the state of emergency the Chairman is authorized to make orders and regulations, and may order public officers to perform such duties that are focused on the protection of persons and alleviating the conditions that necessitated the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council hereby declares its support for the Chairman's use of martial law provided in the Tribal Code if a resident of the Red Lake Reservation or a person who regularly works on the Reservation tests positive for the COVID-19 virus; and in the event the Chairman declares a state of emergency the Tribal Council will support any necessary emergency regulations that may be instituted; and

WHEREAS, in the event a state of emergency is declared, residents of the Red Lake Reservation will be subject to stringent travel restrictions, restrictions on gathering in groups, and other appropriate restrictions because it has been demonstrated that such interaction contributes to the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby demonstrates its support for the Chairman's declaration of a medical state of emergency in the event a resident of the Red Lake Reservation or a person who regularly works at Red Lake tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, as well as its support for any regulations or directives that the Chairman may prepare to combat the virus; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that consistent with tribal law, any declaration of martial law shall not exceed the duration of the state of emergency plus six months thereafter.

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