

Herman G. Honanie CHAIRMAN

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EMERGENCY DECLARATION 02-2015 FOR HOPI RESERVATION AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- WHEREAS, due to heavy rains during the week of August 8, 2015 and more rainfall anticipated through the week on the Hopi Reservation, the Hopi villages and surrounding areas, has caused local roadways including Highway 264 to be damaged and impassible including rock and mudslides, the possibilities of damage to water, sewer, telephone lines; flooding of homes, possible damage to cemeteries; and
- WHEREAS, such natural disaster related to weather has negatively impacted the daily lives, health, safety and welfare of the residents, communities, schools and emergency services on the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas; and
- WHEREAS, local resources of the Hopi Department of Transportation have been maximized and/or exceeded as a local emergency response, and additional resources will be requested from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Navajo County, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Hopi Tribal Council recognizes its responsibility for the effective use of tribal resources to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Hopi and Tewa people; and
- WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council and Executive Officers have the authority to declare Emergency and Disaster Declarations for natural disasters that affects and impacts the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas, including emergency, mitigation and preparedness planning for funding from local, County, State and Federal sources; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Herman G. Honanie, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, do hereby issue an Emergency Declaration for the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas to be in a State of Emergency; and

FURTHERMORE, the Hopi Tribe calls upon Navajo, Coconino and Apache Counties, the State of Arizona, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Services, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist the Hopi Tribe as necessary; and

FURTHERMORE, we direct the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Hopi Department of Transportation, Hopi Resource Enforcement Services, Hopi Emergency Medical Services, and the Hopi Emergency Response Team and NIMS trained staff to activate the Emergency Operations Center; to perform the property damage/condition assessments, plans of action, monitoring, mobilization of human and equipment resources, identification of financial resources, and the delivery of emergency services to be coordinated with other county, state and federal agencies; and

FINALLY, this Emergency Declaration on the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas due to heavy rainfall is effective from August 12, 2015 and ending within 10 days of this date.

Herman G. Honanie, Chairman