Whereas, The Village of Bacavi is Governed by Sovereign bylaws and Policies and a Governing Board, and which was included in the Constitution of the Hopi Tribe in its enactment the United States Department of the Interior in 1936, and

Whereas, the Village of Bacavi is Governed by The Bacavi Board of Directors through its Bylaws and policies, and

Whereas, the Bacavi Board of Directors are responsible for the health and welfare of the Village Members, and

Whereas, the world wide spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is now within the United States and rapidly spreading throughout the Country, and

Whereas, this virus is a serious threat to our people, leaders, cultural religion, and

Whereas, President Trump declared “A State of Emergency in the United States” releasing 3.8 Billion dollars with 40 million for the Tribes in the United States to help fight this pandemic, and

Whereas, the Federal Government, State of Arizona, Navajo county and the Navajo Nation have declared a State of Emergency and have implemented their Emergency Action Plans and instructions to the public with safe guards and protection measures, and

Whereas, the Hopi Tribal Chairman released Executive Order #01-2020, Tribal Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 Virus, and has given instruction to The Hopi Tribal Departments and Villages on the safety and welfare of employees of said entities and the members of the Hopi Tribe, and

Whereas, the Chairman has implemented the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) to start mitigation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic on the Hopi Reservation and request support from the Federal, State and County governments in funding and technical assistance, and
Whereas, the Hopi Constitution and By-laws, Article III – Organization, SECTION 1. The Hopi Tribe is a union of self-governing villages sharing common interests and working for the common welfare of all, and

Whereas, Article VI, (a) To represent and speak for the Hopi tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe, and to negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments, and

Whereas, The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("Stafford Act"), 42 U.S.C. Sec. 21 et seq., as amended, allows tribe to make direct requests for Emergency relief if the Tribe has a FEMA-approved emergency plan, and additionally Tribes may directly requests the President of the United States for an emergency declaration and the Governor of the State where the Tribe is located to include the Tribe in that States emergency declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, We Marlene Sekaquaptewa, Governor Village of Bacavi and Karolynn Piqosa, Lt, Governor and the Bacavi Board of Directors do hereby declare that a public health-based state of emergency exists for the Village of Bacavi due to the pandemic classification of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the health risks posed by its inevitable spread to nearby Villages and Communities and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Furthermore, We hereby declare:
1. The village of Bacavi entities, employees and programs shall cancel or postpone all travel outside the Hopi reservation and gatherings with (10) or more people.

2. The employees will work from home as necessary to address social distancing as a way to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

3. The Village of Bacavi is hereby closed to all outside visitors with the exception for essential service providers i.e. FEDX, UPS, Court Orders and Bacavi administration business. Or other entities whom the Village recognizes as vital service providers.

4. The Village of Bacavi shall coordinate with The Hopi Tribal, Hopi Emergency Response team (HERT) to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic. And to request for any funding and or services for the Village of Bacavi.

Executed this 23rd day of March, 2020

Marlene Sekaquaptewa, Governor

Karolynn Piqosa, Lt. Governor