



Village of Walpi

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RESOLUTION VOW-002-2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, the Village of Walpi is one of the recognized villages of First Mesa and the Village of Walpi Board is authorized to make this declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walpi Board on behalf of the people of Walpi hereby declares that a Closure of the Village to all Tours is necessary due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 (Corona Virus), illnesses having been confirmed in the United States, State of Arizona, and Navajo County, although no cases are confirmed on the Hopi Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walpi is a travel destination for tourists year-round and there may be visitors who are travelling from countries or states with high rates of COVID-19 infections; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic creates a risk of infection for the community, local vendors and in general the Hopi Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk from COVID-19 infection; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that Native Americans have higher rates of chronic diseases than any other ethnic groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, resources for emergency response, mitigation recovery and preparedness are limited, and the Hopi Tribe has not officially declared a Public Health State of Emergency.

WHEREAS, First Mesa Leadership supports village closure as stated in First Mesa Consolidated Villages Resolution #1-2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Walpi hereby initiates a Declaration of Closure of the Village of Walpi for All Tours for at least sixty (60) days or as conditions change for the health and safety of the public.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution to approve an Declaration of Closure of Walpi to Tours, for the health and safety of the residents of the Village of Walpi, was adopted at a duly called special meeting of the Village of Walpi Board after a full and free discussion on its merits. The meeting was called and convened at the Walpi Administration Office with meeting quorum established. This resolution is adopted on this 17th day of March, 2020, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, with the Chairperson presiding and not voting.

APPROVED:

Mildred Talashoma

Mildred Talashoma, Chairperson
Village of Walpi Board

Date: 03/17/2020

Bernadette Etsitty

Bernadette Etsitty, Vice Chairperson
Village of Walpi Board

Date: 03/17/2020

Thelma J. David

Thelma David, Secretary
Village of Walpi Board

Date: 03.17.2020

Betty Thunder Hawk

Betty Thunder Hawk, Member
Village of Walpi Board

Date: 03/17/2020

ATTEST:

Wilber Kaye

Wilber Kaye,
Community Service Administrator
Village of Walpi

Date: 3/17/2020