EXECUTIVE ORDER #003-2020

Hopi Reservation Curfew Restriction
Declaration of State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is facing the Coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic with limited resources to respond to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is a sovereign tribal nation, responsible to its villages, citizens and members of the general public to employ strategies and provide direction for the health and safety of all under the current state of emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is landlocked by the Navajo Nation, whose tribe is experiencing high numbers per capita of COVID-19 positive cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe has evaluated the impact of COVID-19 within the capacity of the emergency response and unmet need across the expansive land base of the Hopi reservation; and

WHEREAS, most of the Hopi villages are served by one small health clinic to respond to COVID-19 related health conditions, which requires tribal members facing serious health conditions or life-threatening emergencies to be transported to off-reservation health care facilities, including Flagstaff Medical Center located approximately 100 one-way miles away from the Hopi Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Arizona ended its Stay At Home Order on May 15, 2020, that resulted in opening of businesses and lessening of restrictions on social gatherings, which has influenced public travel and increased exposure and transmission of COVID-19 on the Hopi reservation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 data available to the Hopi Tribe reflects that COVID-19 cases in Hopi villages have rapidly increased from 40 positive cases on June 1, 2020, to 143 positive cases on June 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe recognizing the imminent and immediate threat of a surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Hopi villages, aims to support the respective Village Orders issued to protect the health and safety of their respective community members; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe directs the following pursuant to section 7-701(2) of the Hopi Emergency Response Plan:

1. A Nightly Curfew shall be put into effect across the entire Hopi Reservation and shall commence on June 18, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. MST and continue daily until June 30, 2020 at 5:00 a.m. MST, at which time the Nightly Curfew will cease.

2. A Weekend Curfew shall be put into effect across the entire Hopi Reservation for the following two consecutive weekends:
   a. Friday, June 19, 2020 from 8:00 p.m. MST through Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:00 a.m. MST; and
   b. Friday, June 26, 2020 from 8:00 p.m. MST through Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 a.m. MST, at which time the Weekend Curfew will end.

3. Compliance with the Hopi Tribe reservation-wide curfew shall be an individual responsibility, in consideration of the health & safety of all Hopi families and residents, until such time the Hopi Tribal Council approves enforcement provisions under the Hopi Code.

4. During restricted curfew hours, the Hopi Law Enforcement Services are authorized to establish checkpoints to make reasonable inquiries of occupants about their safety while traveling during reservation-wide curfew hours and to provide information and education about COVID-19.

5. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services will coordinate with village leaders and village security officers to allow for welfare checks.

6. Exceptions to the curfew shall include travel to obtain food and other essential supplies, access medical care, or do work essential to the functioning of tribal government and society. All unnecessary travel to, from, and across the Hopi Reservation shall cease.

7. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services shall provide data on the number of issued warnings to the Office of the Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of June 2020.

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