



**RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY
★ CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (“Colony”) empowers the Tribal Council to enact legislation for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, and the general welfare of the members of the Colony, which provision by its necessary scope includes declaration of a state of emergency, and further that the Tribal Council may delegate certain powers and acts to the Chairman of the Tribal Council, such as declaration of a state of emergency or disaster and to thereafter seek ratification by the Tribal Council when timely action to declare a state of emergency or disaster cannot be taken by the Tribal Council when any man-made or natural events or circumstance are causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss to the extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEAREAS, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony’s Tribal Council is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada as well as other States in the United States have declared states of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada; and

WHEAREAS, the Colony Emergency Operations Center, through its Emergency Services Manager, has recommended that the Tribal Chairman declare a state of emergency within the Colony for the purpose of marshalling assets and resources to protect the health and safety of members of the Colony, as well as residents, guests and employees present within Colony lands; and

WHEAREAS, the Tribal Council Chairman does hereby find and proclaim that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its actual and potential impact on Colony lands in Reno, Nevada and in Hungry Valley, commencing on this 13th day of March, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken by the governing body of the Colony, its Tribal Council, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals within Colony lands; and



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NOW, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE RECITALS ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS in the lands of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Reno, Nevada and in Hungry Valley, Nevada.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence this local state of emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Tribal Council Chairman, Tribal Administrator, Emergency Services Manager, and the Emergency Services System of this Colony shall be those prescribed by the Colony's Constitution, Ordinances, Tribal Council Resolutions, job descriptions and emergency plans approved by the Colony and its Tribal Council.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist unless the Tribal Council, at its next lawful meeting, fails to ratify this declaration, or until the Tribal Council or Tribal Council Chairman determines the circumstances requiring this state of emergency no longer exist or the threat of an emergency has passed, and the Tribal Council or Tribal Council Chairman terminates this emergency declaration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and President of the United States of America, as appropriate and necessary, requesting that they declare and/or acknowledge that a state of emergency exists on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony lands, including its Hungry Valley community, and that aid be provided to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony as a result of said state of emergency.

DATED: March 13, 2020

Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony