

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, the governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, realizes its duty and obligation to preserve and protect the welfare of its people as specified in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 (m) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, is charged with the responsibility of establishing policy and taking action to provide administrative guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Resolution number PL 37 – 16 of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, empowers the Tribal Chairman to proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency when the said Tribe is affected by public calamity and the Tribal Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute 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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman does hereby find and proclaim that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its actual and potential impact on Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal land in Nixon, Nevada, commencing on this 16th day of March, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken by the governing body of the Tribe, its Tribal Council; Emergency Management, Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department, and Executive Team to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals within the exterior boundaries of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

NOW, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE RECITALS ABOVE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence said local state of emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the administrator of Emergency Management and the Emergency Services System, The Tribal Chairman, in conjunction with the Tribal Health Clinic and EMS of this reservation shall be those prescribed by Tribal Ordinances or Resolutions of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation, and by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes emergency plans.

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 PROCLAIMED AND 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 Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, and that aid be provided to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe as a result of said state of emergency.



Tribal Chairman

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe