Declaration of a Public Health Emergency

We are hereby declaring the threat of the COVID 19 Virus as a public health emergency. Thereby acting in the best interest of the most vulnerable segments of our population; we declare that unnecessary travel be suspended, effective immediately, on resolution of the Tribal Council. This is applicable to all travel, including personal travel. This includes all tribal programs.

We are also recommending that all personnel that come back from high risk areas of travel be placed on administrative leave for up to 14 days. Anyone traveling after the date of the Tribal Council Resolution ratifying this declaration will need to use their own leave for the quarantine period.

Furthermore, in order to protect the health and general welfare of the people living on the Leech Lake Reservation, we strongly recommend that the general public postpone any visits from towns or cities that have known COVID 19 confirmed cases. This is temporary and will be in effect until which time it is deemed the travel ban is to be lifted.

Please practice all precautions necessary to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus. Practice good hygiene, limit contact in crowds, keep common surfaces clean and disinfected, limit your off-reservation travel, and please- wash your hands often throughout the day. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands. If you are sick- avoid close contact with others, cover your cough or sneeze with a disposable tissue or wear a facemask. If you begin to feel sick enough to go to the hospital, call ahead and let the hospital staff know so they can prepare.

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