May 20, 2020

Attention All Tribal Members,

This has been a very challenging and unforeseen time for our tribe. It saddens my heart that many are suffering due to this COVID-19 and brought so many unexpected situations to us all. We want you all to know that the tribe and the Legislative Branch are working in concert to do the best that we can to take care of us all and to assist in this time of need.

The CARES Act has afforded us financial assistance to help us get through this storm and get us back on our feet and to continue giving you the assistance that you deserve. We ask that you are patient as we continue to develop our plan to work through this. The tribe has been shut down since March 19, 2020, and many services and programs have been disrupted. However, we have done our best to keep those critical needs accessible with the help of our essential personnel who have been the backbone of our organization. And we are ever so grateful for their dedicated spirit.

It is our prayer that we all work together and get through this. Be mindful of the needs of our loved ones and be kind because we have yet to find out what lies ahead. We (the Kiowa Tribe) are working hard to find the best possible working model to meet the needs of all tribal members near and far. Please reach out to us if you have any concerns or comments that you would like for us to consider as we move forward.

Ah-ho and God Bless!

Matthew M. Komalty, Chairman, and the Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch