

## PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE KIOWA TRIBE

Authority: By virtue of the executive authority vested in me as Chairman by the Constitution and the laws of the Kiowa Tribe, I hereby order the following:

### **1.00 Findings:**

1.01 As of March 19, 2020, there is one confirmed death and 45 confirmed cases of coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 in Oklahoma. The latest confirmed case has been identified in Grady County, the neighboring county east of Caddo County. The health of our citizens is vitally important and the tribe wants to ensure our citizens that we are taking necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. The tribe is monitoring the outbreak in real-time while closely following CDC, OSDH, and IHS guidelines.

1.02 The CDC recommends large group gatherings should prepare for the possibility of an outbreak in communities and create emergency plans. The CDC further recommends older adults and those with underlying chronic conditions, such as diabetes and COPD should stay home due to being high risk.

1.03 The COVID-19 is an emerging infection and the situation is evolving rapidly.

### **2.00 Authority/Action**

2.01 The Chairman and the Executive Branch of the Kiowa Tribe declares the COVID-19 pandemic and a state of emergency.

2.02 The Chairman is taking proactive measures to keep our citizens and communities safe, effective immediately, all tribal employee work travel is suspended.

2.03 Effective immediately, tribal offices have been closed in Carnegie, Anadarko and the Lawton Head Start.

2.04 Effective immediately, communities should cease convening in large group gatherings to minimize exposure. Extra precautions should be taken to clean your surroundings at all times.

2.05 Effective March 19, 2020, The Kiowa Tribe Administration on Aging (AOA) has ceased in-person participation in its center located in Carnegie, Okla., and has been restricted to meal delivery only. The dining room has been closed to protect our elders from participating in the program.

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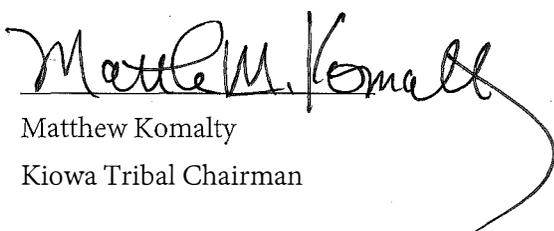
2.07 All tribal directors remain on call 24/7 to fulfill any needs or responsibilities that may arise.

### **3.00 Distribution of the Executive Order**

Copies of the Executive Order will be distributed to the Kiowa Legislators, Executive Branch and shared with local media, and posted on the tribal website.

### **4.00 Effective Date:**

4.01 This Executive Order shall become effective immediately and continued until further notice.

  
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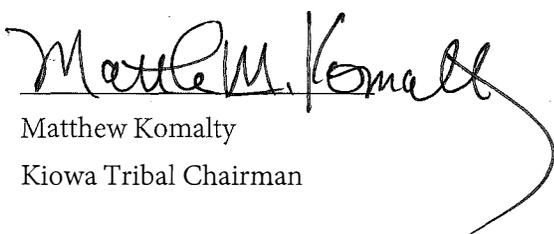
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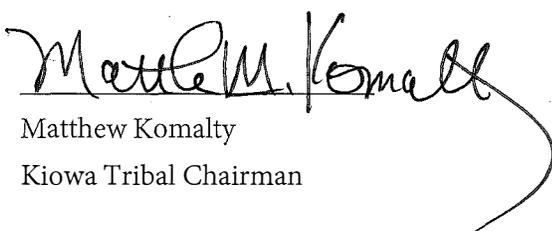
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