

Fort Belknap Indian Community

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE FBIC SHUTDOWN ORDER FOR THREE (3) WEEKS THROUGH
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 11:59 P.M.**

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council is the governing body of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Montana, by the authority of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fort Belknap Tribes approved on the 13 day of December 1935, and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, the Community Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and

WHEREAS, since March 16, 2020, when the Fort Belknap Indian Community declared a State of Emergency in a response to combatting the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to the Fort Belknap Indian Community through Resolution 55-2020 and subsequent related FBIC Resolutions including FBIC Resolution 240-2020 it has continued to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Fort Belknap Indian Community; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 coronavirus continues its spread and risks to members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and there are new threats of a virus mutation; and,

WHEREAS, the recent outbreak at Dodson, MT will cause the number of active cases to increase and will likely travel to the FBIC.

WHEREAS, the FBIC Incident Command Team has continuously monitored the status of the COVID-19 coronavirus within the Fort Belknap Indian Community and continues to interact with outside Health Agencies to assess the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus to best inform the FBIC Council and advises it of best practices to handle the spread of the coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, the FBIC Council has issued continued extension of the partial shutdown order upon the recommendation of the FBIC Incident Command Team and its own monitoring, the FBIC Council, extending the latest shutdown requirements through January 25, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., revising the original shutdown to extend store hours to 8:00p.m and keeping in place all other restrictions including curfew restrictions, mask mandates, social distancing, travel restrictions, and quarantine and isolation restrictions for the health and safety of the members and residents of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

WHEREAS, the FBIC Incident Command Team recommends that shutdown be extended for an additional three (3) weeks through Thursday, February 18, 2021 as a continued precaution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FBIC Council hereby extends the partial shutdown for the FBIC Community and the FBIC Offices and Enterprises from January 28, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. through Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., for a three (3) week period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all requirements regarding the shutdown remain in place and will be enforced, including curfew restrictions, mask mandates, social distancing, travel restrictions, and quarantine and isolation restrictions for the health and safety of the members and residents of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ban on alcohol shall be reinstated to be effective for the three-week duration of this Resolution, beginning January 28 through February 18, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recent lift of restrictions by the State of Montana, including the re-opening of restaurants, bars and casinos, do not apply to the Fort Belknap Indian Community; FBIC restrictions will be applied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the quarantine period within the Fort Belknap Indian Community shall remain at fourteen (14) days as prescribed by the FBIC Health authorities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Council Officers are hereby delegated the authority and responsibility to sign any and all documents necessary to effect this action.

ATTEST:



Andrew Werk, Jr., President
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council



Steven Fox, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Montana, do hereby certify that the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council is composed of ten (10) members of whom 7 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 28th day of January, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council was duly adopted and approved the affirmative vote of 6 for; 1 opposed; 0 not voting; 0 temporary absent; 3 excused absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE: 1-28-21



Steven Fox, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council