

Fort Belknap Indian Community

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE FBIC SHUTDOWN ORDER THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021 AT 11:59 P.M. AND IMPLEMENTING PHASE I OF THE FBIC REOPENING PLAN BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2021

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, although the rate has lowered, the COVID-19 coronavirus continues its spread and risks to members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and there are new threats of virus mutations; and,

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 extensions of the partial shutdown order upon the recommendation of the FBIC Incident Command Team and its own monitoring, extending the latest shutdown requirements through February 18, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., 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; and,

WHEREAS, the FBIC Incident Command Team, recommends that the current shutdown be extended through Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. as a continued precaution; and,

WHEREAS, the FBIC Incident Command Team has determined, based on monitoring and data related to the COVID-19 coronavirus' effect on the Fort Belknap Indian Community, that Phase I of the Re-opening Plan can be implemented starting March 1, 2021 as outlined in the attached plan (See Attachment A).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FBIC Council hereby extends the partial shutdown as outlined in FBIC Resolution No. 6-2021 for the FBIC Community and the FBIC Offices and Enterprises from February 19, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. through Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. after which the Phase I Re-opening Plan shall be implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain mandates, including wearing a mask, social distancing and curfew restrictions shall remain in effect through the Phase I re-opening implementation unless the Phase I Plan states otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that curfew hours shall be extended to 10:00 pm. and the alcohol ban shall be lifted and the Re-opening Plan shall be amended to reflect such changes.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the number of cases increase significantly, the FBIC may re-instate the shutdown based upon the recommendation of the FBIC Incident Command Team.

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

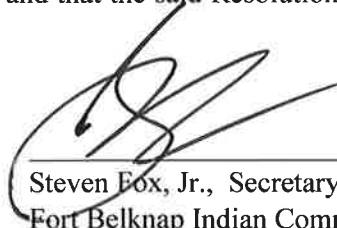


Steven Fox, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

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 18th day of February, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council was duly adopted and approved the affirmative vote of 5 for; 2 opposed; 0 not voting; 0 temporary absent; 3 excused absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE: _____



Steven Fox, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
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