

Fort Belknap Indian Community

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FBIC INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION OF A PARTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY, EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 AT 12:00 AM to TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 AT 11:59 PM

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 Fort Belknap Indian Community Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council and FBIC Health Officials have been constantly monitoring and trying to control the spread and effects of COVID-19 pandemic within the Fort Belknap Indian Community; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 and its Delta variant has dangerously spiked within the Fort Belknap Indian Community, causing severe sickness and loss of life and greatly straining responders including FBIC staff, Health Department, Law Enforcement, Administration staff; and also IHS staff; and,

WHEREAS, the FBIC Council has been advised that there are more cases involving FBIC employees coming to work sick, exposing coworkers and the public to the coronavirus and causes the affected offices and buildings having to be sanitized and workers sent home; and,

WHEREAS, FBIC health officials and IHS staff have advised the FBIC Council that the majority of new patients are unvaccinated, and those already vaccinated are getting sick from the Delta variant; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council delegated the authority to the FBIC Incident Command Team to make decisions regarding the prevention of and response to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its variants as delineated in FBIC Resolution No. 81-2021; and,

WHEREAS, the FBIC Incident Command Team has recommended that the FBIC Council reinstate the Shutdown Order issued through FBIC Resolution Nos. 55-2020 and 56-2020 and subsequent related directives for a period commencing Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 12:00 am and ending Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 11:59pm.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FBIC Council hereby reinstates the reservation-wide ~~PARTIAL SHUTDOWN~~ starting Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 12:00am until Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 11:59pm with the FBIC Incident Command Team issuing a status report at two weeks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shutdown Order shall include:

1. Travel restrictions and work mandate for employees as directed by the FBIC CAO upon recommendation of the FBIC Incident Command Team, including work schedules based upon essential and non-essential job requirements as delineated in the attached Schedule A (attached hereto and incorporated by reference).
2. Curfew throughout the FBIC shall be at 9:00pm until 6:00am.
3. Reinstate mandates regarding wearing masks, social distancing, self-quarantine, and limiting personnel travel to medical appointments and emergencies and getting groceries for family.
4. Businesses within the FBIC shall close at 7:00p.m., and the FBIC Casino shall remain closed during the shutdown.
5. Entry into the FBIC shall be restricted as recommended by the FBIC Incident Command Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021 FBIC Primary Election will continue to be conducted as well as the 2021 General and Special Election.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FBIC Incident Command Team shall update the FBIC in two weeks as to the status of the pandemic within the FBIC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FBIC Council **STRONGLY URGES** that those individuals that are not vaccinated, get vaccinated to protect our people, including our children who are too young to be vaccinated and who are at high risk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FBIC Council **STRONGLY URGES** that the schools located in Hays, Dodson and Harlem consider shutting down for a 2-week period and curtailing sports activities to a minimum.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council Officers are hereby delegated the authority and responsibility to sign 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 nine (9) members, of whom 8 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 5 day of October, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council was duly adopted and approved by the affirmative vote of 6 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting; 2 temporary absent; 1 absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE: _____



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