

Fort Belknap Indian Community

A RESOLUTION FURTHER EXTENDING THE FBIC 14 -DAY SHUTDOWN PERIOD TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS

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, the Fort Belknap Indian Community (“FBIC”) Council continues to monitor the spread of the extremely dangerous COVID-19 coronavirus and take steps to minimize the impact of the pandemic on the health, safety, and wellbeing of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and its residents and the Fort Belknap Indian Community; and,

WHEREAS, through FBIC Resolution No. 202-2020, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council implemented a reservation-wide shut down upon the recommendation of the FBIC Incident Command Team, to be effective Friday, October 2, 2020, 12:00 a.m. until October 16, 2020 at 12:00 a.m, which was extended an additional two weeks, through FBIC Resolution No. 210-2020; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the information gathered and the monitoring of the increasing number of COVID-19 coronavirus cases, the FBIC Incident Command Team has made a recommendation that the reservation-wide shutdown be extended for an additional two-week period; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Coronavirus continues to spread within the Fort Belknap Indian Community, resulting in an increase in hospitalizations and deaths of FBIC community members; and.

WHEREAS, the FBIC Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of FBIC members and residents, especially our vulnerable population, to extend the shutdown period for a third two-week period, ending on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m..

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Belknap Indian Community hereby further extends the FBIC reservation-wide shutdown period as directed in FBIC Resolution No.202-2020 and extended in FBIC Resolution No. 210-2020, for an additional two weeks, to end Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council extends the restrictions stated in FBIC Resolutions No. 204-2020 and No. 210-2020 including increasing the curfew hours to start at 9 P.M. and end at 6 A.M during the duration of the extended FBIC Shutdown and all other actions outlined in FBIC Resolution No. 204-2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to FBIC Resolutions No. 203-2020 and No.210-2020 to all stores and businesses within the Fort Belknap Indian Community, including Martin's Store, Kwik Stop, Red Paint Creek Store or any such establishment are directed to continue to close their businesses at 7:00 P.M. during the extension of the 14-day shutdown and designation as a "dry-reservation" remain in effect during the extended shutdown period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FBIC Council recognizes the hardships and sacrifices the COVID-19 coronavirus has caused everyone and hereby EXTENDS OUR GRATITUDE to the FBIC Community for your patience, understanding, and cooperation in helping to curb the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus within Fort Belknap in an effort to keep our Community members safe and healthy.

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:



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

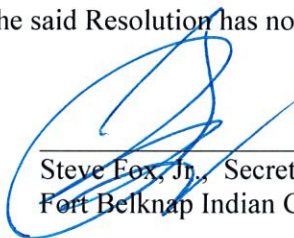


Steve Fox, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

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 10 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 30 day of October, 2020; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council was duly adopted and approved the affirmative vote of 7 for; 2 opposed; 0 not voting; 1 temporary absent; 0 excused absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE: 30 OCT 2020



Steve Fox, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
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