

Fort Belknap Indian Community

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FBIC INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE PHASE ONE RE-OPENING UNTIL JUNE 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 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.

WHEREAS, a recent spike in COVID-19 cases has caused the FBIC Incident Command Team to reassess the partial re-opening and any expanded reopening at this time; and,

WHEREAS, a large number of those affected are children who are not able to be vaccinated due to the restrictions on the Emergency Use Authorization for the COVID-19 vaccinations; and,

WHEREAS, based upon this sudden influx of cases and the population that is affected, the FBIC Incident Command team does not believe that it is in the FBIC's best interest to transition to the Phase 2 of the Phased reopening at this time and that erring on the side of caution it would be prudent to remain in Phase 1 for another 30 days to assure the sudden outbreak is properly contained and to consider transitioning to Phase 2 on June 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FBIC Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the FBIC Command Team to continue with the Phase I re-opening as delineated in FBIC Resolution No, 17-2021 until June 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that requirements such as the extension of curfew hours shall 10:00 pm. and the lifting of the alcohol ban and requirements regarding the wearing of masks an social distancing shall remain in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any individuals holding such an event, must submit a safety plan and have it approved before any social events are held.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the FBIC Incident Command Team, along with the FBIC Law Enforcement Services, are hereby authorized to shut down any event that does not have a pre-approved safety plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any 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:



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

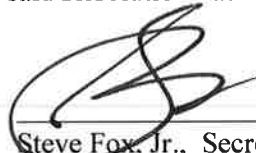


Steve Fox, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

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 7 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 30 day of April, 2021; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council was duly adopted and approved the affirmative vote of 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting; 0 temporary absent; 3 excused absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE: 30 Apr 2021



Steve Fox, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
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