TO: Enrolled members of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes and residents of the Fort

 Belknap Indian Community

As you know, the Fort Belknap Indian Community has been very blessed in keeping the Covid-19 coronavirus from coming onto the Fort Belknap Indian Community and in our homes. We, as the Council, have been doing everything we can to keep our membership safe and healthy.

We know that it is *very hard* to have to change our lives to include safety measures to fight the coronavirus, especially in the summer months when the weather is nicer and there are more social events scheduled. But the reality is that the coronavirus continues to increase and to spread, and it is **getting closer the Ft. Belknap borders** as we speak.

Traveling to social events, or even to other towns, increases the chances of coming into contact with untreated and asymptomatic individuals and bringing it back to Fort Belknap, and to your families and homes. While we understand the want to get out and do social activities, the danger outweighs the events.

The Fort Belknap Indian Community Council is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGING** individuals from attending the following events because safety measures like cleaning and safe distancing and wearing masks, will not be enforced. Game attendees and Fair workers travel from place to place.

 Big Sky State games this weekend and the 3 on 3 basketball tournaments in August

 Billings Fair

 Dodson Fair July 30- August 2

 Other similar events where crowds will be present

Each event increases the chances of bringing the coronavirus back to Fort Belknap, especially in hotspots such as Billings. **The coronavirus spreads rapidly.** No one wants it to come to Fort Belknap. No one wants their or other families to be affected.

Thank you for your generosity and consideration in not attending events where there will be a crowd present or there are no safety measures in place. Stay safe and keep your families safe.

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL