



**Qagan Tayagungin Tribe
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RESOLUTION 20-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE OF SAND POINT
DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point is a sovereign federally recognized tribe with government status with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is empowered under its Constitution to consult with, receive advice from, make recommendations to, and to take all necessary actions associated with federal agencies and members of Congress with regard to all matters, including: policies, regulations, statutes, and appropriations necessary for the health, safety, and welfare, and which are for the benefit of citizens of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council is the governing body of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point by its inherent and Constitutional authority; and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus ("virus"), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans, as posing a significant public health risk and easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of Public Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nations' healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Alaska Governor Dunleavy also issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, issued an emergency declaration and has authorized an emergency determination under section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”) and that requests for a declaration of a major disaster under Section 401(a) of the Stafford Act “may be appropriate”; and

WHEREAS, positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, social distancing has been recommended, to minimize the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has put mandates in place restricting public use of state institutes, public and residential schools, libraries, archives and museums, restaurants and bars, as well as other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Tribal Administration closed the Tribal office to the public and implemented procedures to reduce transmission of COVID-19 to among staff, and to help protect clients, and members of the community who are at a higher risk for adverse health complications while maintaining Tribal operations; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the State of Alaska issued further health mandates restricting the movement of individuals within the State of Alaska in order to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic will dramatically impact the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, community of Sand Point, residents, and have a substantial impact on the Tribal, local, and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the full extent of the impact of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital or the Tribe to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council find a public emergency exists and deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe and Community of Sand Point; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to authorize the President to request State assistance from the Governor of Alaska for costs associated with the Tribe's response to the virus to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from damaged caused; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council hereby declares, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the Tribe is hereby under a state of emergency for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, setting up an emergency fund account, and for expending local resources, and for requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding that may be available from local sources, from the State of Alaska, and from the United States federal government.

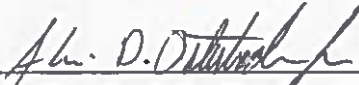
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribe hereby requests, pursuant to Section 401(a) of the Stafford Act, a major disaster declaration based on its conclusion the disaster is of such severity and magnitude nationwide that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the Tribe and the State of Alaska, and that federal assistance is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal President, the Executive Director, and the tribal administrative staff, are hereby authorized and directed to begin working immediately on preparing any and all such paperwork, plans, and administrative requirements necessary to seek and obtain technical and all other forms of assistance for addressing the COVID-19 crisis, including but not limited to the requirements under the Stafford Act for obtaining emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

NOT BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal President, Alvin Osterback Jr., as the "chief executive" of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point (as that term is used in the Stafford Act) is hereby authorized and directed to sign and forward any and all such paperwork, plans, and administrative requirements necessary, and to take any and all such other steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE ON THE 7 DAY OF April, 2020, BY A QUORUM OF 6 YES, AND 0 NO VOTES ATTEST:


Alvin Osterback Jr., President


Glen Gardner Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

Phone Poll

THIS PHONE POLL IS IN REGARDS TO RESOLUTION 20-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN
TRIBE OF SAND POINT DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Council Member	Vote			Date Contacted	Voted How?
Alvin Osterback Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 6 / 2020	Phone
Dennis Gundersen	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	/ /	
David O. Osterback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 6 / 2020	Phone
Jason Bjornstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 6 / 2020	Email
Carla Chebetnoy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 7 / 2020	Email
Peter Devine Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 6 / 2020	Phone
Glen Gardner Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	4 / 6 / 2020	Phone



Poll taken by Tiffany Jackson

April 7, 2020

Date