



# **Delaware Nation**

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**Resolution #2020-099**

## **RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DELAWARE NATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Nation is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe that operates in accordance with its Constitution, as ratified on April 21, 1973, as amended from time to time, and recognized by the Secretary of Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Article VI – Powers of the Constitution, “the Executive Committee shall have specific authority...to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of Delaware tribal citizens...”, and generally “shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Nation in all other matters upon which the Nation is empowered to act...”; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness with the exposure in the United States evolving rapidly; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of our citizens, employees and members of surrounding communities is vitally important; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is monitoring the outbreak in real-time, while closely following CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) guidelines in order to keep our employees, citizens and those in surrounding communities safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee declares the COVID-19 Pandemic a State-of-Emergency for the Delaware Nation and effective immediately enforces the following proactive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Take necessary steps to protect vulnerable populations by restricting access to Delaware Nation facilities;
- Suspend the AOA procedures for congregated meals; and
- Continue to provide a daily meal for the home-bound participants.

**WHEREAS**, copies of the declared State of Emergency will be distributed to the Delaware Nation Court, Departments of the Administration, Directors, Commissions and Boards within the organizational structure of the Delaware Nation.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware Nation Executive Committee has declared the COVID-19 Pandemic a State-of-Emergency for the Delaware Nation and has taken proactive steps aforementioned to ensure the health of our employees, citizens and the public living in surrounding communities.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Delaware Nation Executive Committee at a duly called Executive Committee meeting held on March 17, 2020, by a vote of 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, a quorum being present.

**ATTEST:**

Ann Brower

Ann Brower, Secretary



**APPROVED:**

Deborah Dotson

Deborah Dotson, President