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EXECUTIVE ORDER Of the Office of the Chairman and Crow Tribe Executive Branch

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY TO EXIST WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION RELATED TO THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Executive Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to the “enumerated powers” in Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indian to represent the Crow Tribe of Indians in negotiation with Federal, State and local governments and other agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals in matters of welfare, education, recreation, social services and economic development affecting the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020 the State of Montana and Yellowstone County have confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 125, 000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with over 1,000 cases in the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, due to the coronavirus outbreak the United States of America, President Trump declared a state of national emergency on for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the State of Montana has declared a “State of Emergency” regarding COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable between humans from person-to-person contact; and

WHEREAS, there exists a high susceptibility of contracting COVID-19 combined with the high risk of infection to those elder Crow Tribal Members as well as to other tribal members and residents within the Crow Indian Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crow Tribe through its Executive Branch, and consistent with the foregoing authorities, hereby declares a **state of emergency** for the Crow Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, the Crow Tribe through its Executive Branch, and consistent with the foregoing authorities, will coordinate with the Indian Health Service, Billings Area Office, Crow-Northern Cheyenne Hospital CEO; Bureau of Indian Affairs Officials, as well as with local state health and safety officials to coordinate COVID-19 readiness and response teams in order to address tribal health concerns for the Crow Indian Reservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, the Crow Tribe through its Executive Branch, and consistent with the foregoing authorities, will authorize the availability and utilization of all tribal government resources and services under this declaration to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Crow Tribal Membership.



Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman
Dated: March 14th, 2020