



HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Resolution No. 10-20

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING VISITATION BY TOURISTS TO THE HAVASUPAI RESERVATION DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURE

- WHEREAS, The Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation, Arizona (the "Tribe") has existed since time immemorial and is a federally recognized sovereign Indian nation; and
- WHEREAS, The Havasupai Tribal Council ("Council") is empowered to act on behalf of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, The 1939 Constitution of the Tribe, as amended from time to time (the "Constitution"), provides that Council has the power "To manage all tribal economic affairs and enterprises of the Havasupai Tribe," at Article V, Section 1(e); and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution provides that Council has the power to "provid[e] for the licensing of nonmembers coming upon the reservation for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trading, or other business, and for the exclusion from the territory of the Havasupai Tribe or [sic] persons not so licensed" and to "provid[e] for the removal or exclusion from the reservation of any nonmember whose presence may be injurious to the people of the reservation" at Article V, Section 1(f); and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution further provides that "The Havasupai Tribal Council may take any and all actions necessary and proper for the exercise of the foregoing powers and duties" at Article V, Section 2; and
- WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus (the "Coronavirus"), a highly contagious virus that causes the Covid-19 disease, has spread to 114 countries where over 118,000 individuals are reported to have contracted Covid-19 as of Wednesday, March 11, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, The Coronavirus is expected to spread to all countries across the globe; and
- WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus outbreak a pandemic on Wednesday, March 11, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, The Governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, declared a public health emergency for the State of Arizona (the "State") on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 with 9 cases of COVID-19 identified within the State and almost 1,000 cases identified within the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national emergency on Friday, March 13, 2020 that will give states and territories access to up to \$50 billion in federal funds to combat the spread of the coronavirus epidemic; and
- WHEREAS, Vulnerable populations who face higher risks of more severe infections and death include the elderly and those with immunodeficiencies such as diabetes and cancer; and
- WHEREAS, Of the roughly 426 Tribal Members permanently reside in Supai Canyon on the Havasupai Reservation, 15.3 percent are elderly, 27.5 percent are under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS, A global public health emergency is currently underway; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe, through its Tourism Enterprise, authorizes roughly 40,000 tourists from all over the globe to visit the Havasupai Reservation each year; and
- WHEREAS, The spread of the coronavirus and Covid-19 within the Havasupai Reservation could be devastating to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe wishes to take public health and safety measures to protect its Tribal Members, employees, service providers, and community members—especially the elderly and vulnerable—from the spread of the coronavirus and Covid-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribe temporarily closes and prohibits entry to its Havasupai Reservation by all tourists effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (the "Travel Restriction Dates").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribe will allow all tourists previously scheduled to visit the Havasupai Reservation during the Travel Restriction Dates to rebook their visit to the 2021 tourism season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribe prohibits any reimbursement of fees paid by tourists to the Tribe for visitor permits, camping permits, or pack mule services for the Travel Restriction Dates.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal Chairwoman or, in her absence, the Vice Chairman or the Tribal Chairwoman's designee is hereby authorized and directed to sign all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.


CERTIFICATION

The Havasupai Tribe is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe. The foregoing Resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority of the Havasupai Tribal Council set forth in Article V of the 1939 Constitution of the Havasupai Tribe of Havasupai Reservation, as amended from time to time, and Article II of the Bylaws of the Havasupai Tribe. The Havasupai Tribal Council at a meeting held in Supai, Arizona on the 13th day of March, 2020 at which a quorum of 6 members were present approved this Resolution by a vote of 6 for; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; and 1 absent.

HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

By: 
Evangeline Kissoon, Chairwoman

ATTEST:


Bonnie Wescogame, Tribal Secretary
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