OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Reggie Wassana
Governor

Gilbert Miles
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

WHEREAS on March 19, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS every State in the country has active cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS there has been one reported case of COVID-19 within the service area of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS despite sustained efforts around the country, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed; and

WHEREAS we weighed this decision heavily because of the overall impact it will have on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS the health and safety of our employees and casino guests is our top priority; and

WHEREAS there is a need to secure all tribal facilities to ensure the continued safety of our employees and properties; and

WHEREAS individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19 and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional, local and IHS resources such as shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS in the interest of public health and safety, it is necessary to exercise my authority to ensure adequate resources and services exist to address the impacts of COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REGGIE WASSANA, Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in accordance with the authority invested in me, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

100 RED MOON CIRCLE, P.O. BOX 167, CONCHO, OK 73022 • (405) 422-7734

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All tribal programs and casino operations will be suspended in accordance with this Order.
2. All employees, tribal government and casino employees, will be paid their regular salary for two (2) weeks.
3. Essential service employees and offices will continue to provide services effective Friday, March 20, 2020.
   a. Programs providing direct in-person service
      - HOPE (405) 422-7584 (open 10am to 2pm M-F at Concho HOPE office only)
      - Elderly Nutrition (580) 331-2231 (delivery of outbound meals only)
      - Clinton Food Distribution (405) 331-2358 (PICKUP ONLY open 10am to 2pm M-F)
      - Watonga Food Distribution (405) 276-6049 (PICKUP ONLY open 10am to 2pm M-F)
   b. Programs available by phone
      - Tribal Security (405) 422-7864
      - Emergency Management (405) 422-7547
      - Elder Care (405) 422-7411
      - Burial (405) 422-7601
      - EMS (580) 323-7087
      - Indian Child Welfare (405) 422-7557
      - Personnel (regarding medical insurance only) (405) 422-7550
      - Social Service (405) 422-7496
      - Adult/Child Protective Services (405) 422-7592
      - Domestic Violence (405) 664-9734
      - Deputy Attorney General (405) 549-6022
4. Pregnant women, elderly over 60 years of age, and employees with immune deficiency diagnosis can go home effective immediately.
5. Casinos will suspend operations starting at 3 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020 and reevaluate for opening on Thursday, April 2, 2020.
6. The Tribes Emergency Management Program shall ensure adequate tribal staffing during this emergency and will work with the District Legislators to ensure services and resources are available to our tribal members.
7. The Tribes will ensure that tribal members continue to receive services and supports mandated through our essential service employees and offices.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as thereafter possible, this order be filed in the Office of Records and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, its departments, programs, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto signed this Order on this 19th day of March 2020.

Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

ATTEST:

Gilbert Miles, Lt. Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes