



Tohono O'odham Nation  
Office of the  
Chairman and Vice Chairwoman



Executive Order

No. 2020-02

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19, the Chairman issued a Declaration of the Tohono O'odham Nation Proclaiming a State of Emergency and therein established the Unified Command to coordinate necessary policies and centralize the Nation's efforts and resources in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council passed Resolution No. 20-094 which authorized the Chairman or Vice-Chairwoman or their official designee to prepare, mitigate, prevent, respond, and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, by taking specific actions, including the authority to issue executive orders "that enforce quarantine orders, restrict the movement of people and property within the Nation, prohibit meeting, events, or gatherings of people in groups within the Nation, that close public facilities and businesses open to the public and/or require compliance with public health orders or directives issued by the State of Arizona or local governments that would not otherwise apply within the Nation"; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Policy Group within the Unified Command issued a Tri-Branch Policy to address sick leave, travel restrictions, social gatherings and precautionary measures applicable to all Nation employees; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 17, 2020, there are more than 4,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 75 cases having resulted in death, and the Arizona Department of Health reported 20 cases in the state of Arizona; and

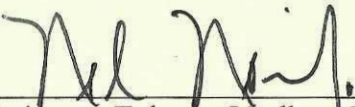
**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and safety of Nation's members, the Nation is committed to taking all measures necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, as a proactive measure, the Nation has assessed personnel and determined which positions are essential and non-essential; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the authority vested in the Chairman of the Nation, it is hereby ordered effective Thursday, March 19, 2020 through Thursday, April 23, 2020:

- (1) All Nation's non-essential programs will be closed;
- (2) All Nation's non-essential employees are relieved of their work duties with pay; and
- (3) Non-essential employees may be detailed to essential employees, as needed, to assist in the efforts of COVID-19

ORDERED this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020 in Sells, Arizona.

  
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Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation