

**THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES  
OF THE DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION**

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**OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER - No. 2020-01**

**RE: PUBLIC SAFETY: *Stay Home, Stay Safe Order & Curfew Order***

WHEREAS, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation is a Federally recognized Indian tribe as defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Shoshone Paiute Business Council is the governing body of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes and has the authority, among other things: (1) "to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals and general welfare of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes..."; and (2) "to promulgate and enforce ordinances, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of Interior, governing the conduct of Members of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes and providing for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice..."; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Duck Valley residents is of the greatest priority to the Business Council of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, who are a Sovereign Nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control has confirmed the continued increase and rapid spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can cause serious illness and/or death because there is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease. It is especially serious for those who have compromised immune systems, such as diabetes, asthma, respiratory disease, heart disease, and those undergoing cancer treatments. Thus, it poses a great threat to the very existence of the Shoshone Paiute People and those who reside within the exterior boundaries of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation (Our People); and

WHEREAS, due to the recent outbreak and global COVID-19 pandemic, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020, in order to preserve public health and safety and to prevent an epidemic of the outbreak locally; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Business Council has been working diligently to rapidly respond to and effectively prepare for the presence of COVID-19 on the Reservation; as well as, proactively taking additional precautions to attempt to slow or possibly even stop the spread of this dangerous virus from entering Our lands; and

WHEREAS, despite significant steps being taken by the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, this virus remains a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of Our People and it is now necessary and appropriate to take measures to further protect Our People by mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and disrupting the possible spread of the virus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, Article I, Section 1 & 2, which states that the Chairman shall exercise any authority delegated to him by the Business Council; and the Vice-Chairman, when so presiding, shall have all rights, privileges and duties, as well as responsibilities of the Chairman, and, by virtue of the authority vested in me, through the concurrence of the Business Council, and by Resolution Number 2020-SPR-057, adopted on March 25, 2020, I, Brian Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, do hereby proclaim and declare:

That, as of **Saturday, March 28, 2020 by 10 PM**, the following Public Safety Order shall be in effect:

#### **SECTION 1: STAY HOME, STAY SAFE**

1. All individuals, currently residing within the exterior boundaries of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, are hereby ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence to the fullest extent possible. Also, it is strongly encouraged that Our People remain on tribal lands during this State of Emergency to prevent the possibility of obtaining and/or spreading the virus.
  - a. All trips and/or travel (on/off Reservation) shall be limited to only immediately necessary medical needs, sanitary needs, fuel, home/vehicle maintenance or for sustenance (food) purposes, which are currently considered essential tasks.
    - i. Trips for essential tasks shall be limited and planned for in order to reduce the need to make multiple trips within any 24-hour period.
    - ii. If you are returning/entering the Reservation from an extended stay/visit/overnight trip/travel from another location, it is required that you self-quarantine for a full 14 days. This includes students, workers, extended family members, etc. Additionally, quarantine means to isolate yourself away from others.
  - b. Those leaving their homes or places of residence, for essential tasks, shall do so with as few of individuals as possible; preferably no more than two (2) persons to a vehicle.
  - c. Outdoor responsibilities may continue, as long as they are within close proximity to your home, residence or property and is not involving or contacting more than two (2) persons at any time.
  - d. Recreational activities may continue, as long as they are not involving or contacting more than two (2) persons at any time.
  - e. In any location, everyone is required to, as much as reasonably possible, maintain Social Distancing, which means staying at least six (6) feet away from other individuals.
2. This order shall be in effect, for a minimum of 21 days and thereafter, until it is amended or rescinded.

#### **SECTION 2: CURFEW**

1. All individuals, currently residing within the exterior boundaries of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, are hereby ordered to adhere to a nightly curfew between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM every day.
2. During said hours, everyone is prohibited from being out in the public.
3. This order shall be in effect, for a minimum of 21 days and thereafter, until it is amended or rescinded.

### SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATIONS & VIOLATIONS

1. Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement (BIA) is hereby delegated the authority to and shall enforce all provisions of this Public Safety Order.
2. This order does not apply to Tribal, Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Duck Valley Housing Authority (DVHA) or Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement (BIA) employees while engaged in the performance of their job-related duties or while on the way to/from work.
3. The intent of this order is not to harass or interfere with the lawful and reasonable day to day activities of residents. Instead, the intent of this Public Safety Order is to protect the health and safety of all residents of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.
4. Therefore, any resident traveling or located in any public places, within the exterior boundaries of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, whom are not at their residence, may be stopped by BIA, and if found in violation of this Public Safety Order, be cited for such violation.
5. If an individual is found to be in violation of this Public Safety Order they may be punished by a fine, not to exceed \$500.00, in accordance with the Shoshone Paiute Tribes' Law & Order Code.
  - a. The fine will be based on the individual's cooperation with the BIA Officer and immediate compliance with this order.
  - b. And, the fine will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and whether the offense is a repeated offense.
6. Failure to abide by this Public Safety Order may result in additional civil and/or criminal penalties enforceable in Tribal Court.

THEREFORE, it is the full intention of the Shoshone Paiute Tribal Business Council to safeguard, shelter and secure the most valuable resources of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, Our People and especially our elders from this extremely contagious disease, COVID-19; and

FURTHER, this requires that the Shoshone Paiute Tribal Business Council take these serious and restrictive measures to protect our keepers of the language, including the elders who fluently speak the Newe and Numa languages, as well as, those who practice the traditional/medicinal ways of Our People; and

FINALLY, the Shoshone Paiute Tribal Business Council intensely urges residents of Duck Valley to heed the warnings and continue to assist in taking every critical step necessary to protect our Loved Ones, Our Friends, Our Neighbors and Our Relatives ... by *Staying Home, Staying Safe, Staying Alive*, so that all of Our People can have positive and prosperous future.

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I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes, at the Tribal Headquarters, in Owyhee, Nevada, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of two thousand and twenty.

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Brian Thomas, Vice-Chairman, Shoshone Paiute Tribes

ATTEST:



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Angele SaBori, Executive Secretary/Executive Assistant

