

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION  
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 2020-093**

**DECLARATION OF NATION GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AS “ESSENTIAL  
FUNCTIONS” AND ESSENTIAL STAFF**

- Whereas:** The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the "Nation") is a duly organized Indian Tribal entity, with a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 19, 1976 and last amended on December 6, 2007; and
- Whereas:** Under Article V of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is the Nation’s governing body with enumerated powers of authority to negotiate, consult, and contract with Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, private enterprises, individuals, or organizations; and
- Whereas:** The health, safety and welfare of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation people and their families is the most important responsibility and the priority of the Tribal Council; and
- Whereas:** To the best of our knowledge there are no known or confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; and
- Whereas:** Thee Tribal Council declared by resolution a state of emergency on March 16, 2020 due to the public health emergency caused by the Pandemic COVID 19; and
- Whereas:** The Tribal Council declared by resolution the Nation’s Casino activities suspended through April 30 subject to further notice; and
- Whereas:** The Tribal Council declared by resolution the Nation’s government closed but for essential operations and essential staff through April 30 subject to further notice; and
- Whereas:** The Tribal Council declared by resolution the Nation’s lands closed but for essential operations and essential staff; and
- Whereas:** The March 24, 2020 the Shawnee County Public Health Agency declared a “Safe at Home” order to residents of Shawnee County to stay at home except for purposes including working at essential businesses; and other counties may in the future announce similar orders and declarations to their residents; and
- Whereas:** Many of the Nation’s government employees including essential employees are residents of Shawnee County and the other adjacent counties; and
- Whereas:** Governor Laura Kelly declared in Executive Order 20-15 that “operations of government” are an “essential function” and that “local issuing authorities must grant-and do not have the discretion to deny-exemptions from the restrictions and

any local ‘stay home’ or any similar order” to requesting companies and other similar organizations for the performance of essential functions”; and

**Whereas:** The Tribal Council in their authority as the governing body of the Nation declare the Nation’s governmental functions and operations are an “essential business” and

**Whereas:** The Nation’s employees are essential to the operation and functioning of the Nation’s governmental critical programs and require these employees to be on-site at the Nation’s government during the time and until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and until further notice.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council does hereby make this Declaration of Essential Business and Essential Employees to take effect immediately until the Nation’s government is fully reopened and fully operational as identified by further resolution of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

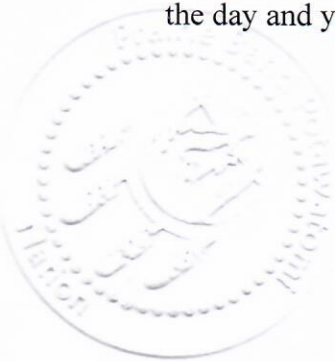
This resolution was duly adopted on the 25 day of March 2020, at a Meeting of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council, during which ( 7 ) members were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of ( 6 ) for, ( 0 ) opposed, ( 0 ) abstaining, ( 0 ) absent from voting and the Chair not voting.


ATTEST:

  
Camilla Chouteau, Secretary

  
Joseph P. Rupnick, Chairman

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.



  
Notary Public

