

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION  
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 2020-081**

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION DECLARES STATE OF  
EMERGENCY**

- 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:** Tribes are sovereign nations that maintain a government to government relationship with the United States; and
- Whereas:** The federal government maintains a trust responsibility towards tribes based on treaties, agreements, statutes, and common-law; and
- Whereas:** The federal government declared a state of emergency because of the public health and economic threats from the Pandemic known as COVID 19; and
- Whereas:** Tribes have inherent sovereignty to protect the public health and welfare of their citizens and to make their own laws and be ruled by them; and
- Whereas:** Pursuant to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Constitution, the Tribal Council is the governmental entity charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Nation and its members and lands; and
- Whereas:** That the public health emergency caused by the Pandemic COVID 19 is of such potential severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the Nation and that Federal and State assistance is necessary; and
- Whereas:** This declaration of emergency shall allow the Tribal Council to take any necessary action and have all necessary power as authorized under the Nation's constitution to provide for the welfare of the tribal government, tribal organizations, tribal assets, tribal lands and tribal members to ensure their safety, health and welfare for the duration of this state of emergency; and
- Whereas:** All relevant and associated disaster and emergency plans that are applicable to the Nation are and shall be initiated; and

**Whereas:** That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to tribal and local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law for 60 days unless modified or terminated.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council does hereby make this Declaration of Emergency to take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted on the 16th 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

