## Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



Chief Michael Conners Chief Eric Thompson Chief Beverly Cook Sub-Chief Agnes Jacobs Sub-Chief Benjamin Herne Sub-Chief Kenneth Jock

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020 - \_\_\_\_\_

## AKWESASNE MOHAWK CASINO RESORT CLOSURE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the "Tribe") and is responsible for the health, safety, education and welfare of all community members; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 virus outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Tribe to protect its employees, guests to the territory, and its property and assets; and

WHEREAS, public accommodations and meeting places, restaurants and businesses that host large gatherings can be a vector for the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to prevent exposure to the virus, health officials recommend social distancing and avoidance of gatherings in public places; and

WHEREAS, in cases of buildings that may have had positive corona virus visitors, such buildings must be fully disinfected and can be placed off limits; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe hosts visitors on its territory from Canada and the United States and COVID-19 cases have been identified in the State of New York, in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec and in Cornwall, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, on Enniskó:wa/March 16, 2020, the Tribal Council executed a Tribal Council Resolution to "Declare a State of Emergency for Community of Akwesasne" (TCR 2020-17) due to the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the interest of public health and safety and in the interest of preservation of life and property, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby orders the temporary closure of the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort effective Tuesday, Enniskó:wa/March 17, 2020, at 2:00 a.m. and shall remain closed until further notice is issued by the Tribal Council.

## SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL

Michael Conners Tribal Chief

Eric Thompson

Beverly Cook

Tribal Chief

**CERTIFICATION:** This is to certify that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein duly passed the above resolution.

MMUR MARO Ennisko: Walmarch 16, 2020

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Tribal Chief