TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2020 - 19

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE
PROTOCOLS FOR BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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, on March 14, 2020, New York State Executive Order No. 202.3 was enacted through
April 15, 2020 to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation,
or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law,
ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster
emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, or to issue any directive during a
disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Interim Guidance for
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), stating that “Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the
spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to
new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades,
concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by
organizations and communities but also by individuals”; and

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

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020 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; and
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received recommendations from its health officials to take further precautions in order to protect Tribal Members and the community at-large to impose certain restrictions including, but not limited to large gatherings, bars and restaurants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council hereby:

1. Advise community members to call places of business, such as the Tribe, ahead of traveling to ensure proper planning for services, and to lessen unnecessary traversing within the community; and

2. Strongly advise community members to refrain from organizing or attending gatherings of twenty-five (25) people or more, effective immediately and until further notice; and

3. Urge organizers to postpone or cancel large gatherings and events (concert, conference, worship service, performance before a large audience, etc.) if anticipated attendance in in excess of twenty-five (25) people, until further notice; and

4. Order the close of any facility or space with occupancy of twenty-five (25) people or more that is not providing essential services on the Reservation, such as public fitness and entertainment facilities, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and

5. Order all restaurants to close dine-in spaces—restaurants may offer delivery or curbside pick-up, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and

6. Suspend all On-Premise Alcohol licenses (Bars), effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and

7. Suspend all On-Premise Alcohol Licensed Restaurants from serving any alcoholic beverage to include beer and to close, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and

8. Limit all Off-Premise Retail Alcohol sales to 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice; and

9. Order wholesalers to discontinue the sale or distribution of wholesale alcohol to all SRMT licensed On-Premise Alcohol licensed establishments, effective Enniskó:wa/March 18, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. until further notice.

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL

Michael Conners  
Tribal Chief

Eric Thompson  
Tribal Chief

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

Summer Bero, Tribal Clerk  
Date March 18, 2020