Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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Resolution #1/10/20

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, hereby enacts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are a sovereign people, who occupy the Fond du Lac Reservation and retain their aboriginal rights of self-government and self-determination pursuant to the Treaty of LaPointe of September 30, 1854, 10 Stat. 1109; the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.; the common law of the United States; and as recognized by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of September 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign obligation of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, as the duly-constituted governing body of the Fond du Lac Band, to exercise the responsibilities of self-government and management over the Band’s affairs; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 through Minnesota presents a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee has determined that the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capability of the Band or other affected local governments and that supplementary federal and emergency assistance is required to save lives and to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the Band to declare a state of emergency and to request federal emergency assistance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee does hereby declare a state of emergency on the Fond du Lac Reservation and request federal and state emergency assistance.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, 0 silent, with a quorum of 5 being present at a Special Meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on March 13, 2020 on the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr.
Chairman

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Secretary/Treasurer