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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE OFFICE of the Chairman and CROW TRIBE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO “STAY HOME” FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION RELATED TO THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Executive Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to the “enumerated powers” in Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indian to represent the Crow Tribe of Indians in negotiation with Federal, State and local governments and other agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals in matters of welfare, education, recreation, social services and economic development affecting the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020 the Crow Tribe declared a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** for the Crow Indian Reservation due to the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Governor Steve Bullock issued a Directive requiring Montanans to “stay home” and temporarily closes all nonessential businesses and operations to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe’s Administration has also consulted with the Indian Health Services, public health experts, health care providers, and emergency management professionals, and has determined that to protect public health and human safety and following recommendations from the Center of Diseases Control, it is essential, to the maximum extent possible, individuals stay at home or at their place of residence.

BE IT RESOLVED, the order, will go into effect 12:01 a.m. on March 28, 2020 and will be in effect through Friday, April 10, 2020; and the order requires all businesses and operations within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation, except for essential businesses and operations as defined in the directive, to stop all activities within the reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the order prohibits all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or place of residence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, essential services and businesses will remain operational and open. Businesses deemed essential are required to comply with social distancing guidelines when possible including maintaining six feet of distance, having sanitizing products available, and designating hours of operation specifically for vulnerable populations.

Under the directive, residents within the Crow Indian Reservation may leave their homes for essential activities, including:

- **For health and safety.** To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.
- **For necessary supplies and services.** To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies they need to work from home, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
- **For outdoor activity.** To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing, as defined below, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or biking. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas, including tribal lands within the reservation provided they remain open to local recreation. All non-local recreation will be prohibited. Residents are discouraged from outdoor recreation activities that pose enhanced risks of injury or could otherwise stress the ability of local first responders to address the COVID-19 emergency. The Big Horn Mountain and Pryor Mountains will be closed during this time period.
- **For certain types of work.** To perform work providing essential products and services at Essential Businesses or Operations or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Directive, including Minimum Basic Operations.
- **To take care of others.** To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets or agricultural livestock as allowed by this Directive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Crow Tribe through its Executive Branch, and consistent with the foregoing authorities, will authorize the availability and utilization of all tribal government resources and services under this declaration to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Crow Tribal Membership.


Alvin 'AJ' Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman


R. Knute Old Crow, Secretary

Dated: March 27, 2020