TITLE: Declaration enacting a State of Emergency for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township over the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Passamaquoddy people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Township Tribal Council is the ultimate authority of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township; and

WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township has the inherent authority to govern itself and elects the Indian Township Tribal Council as its governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Township Tribal Council has the authority to set forth policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township has determined that the duly elected members of the Indian Township Tribal Council have the duty to protect and serve the safety and well-being of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (henceforth referred to as COVID-19) in the United States and the elevation of severity by the World Health Organization to be a “world-wide” pandemic threatens the safety and well-being of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has yet to be adequately contained and the national, regional, or local levels health officials have encouraged defensive measures including COVID-19 prevention and response plans, travel restrictions to decrease the risk of spread of and exposure to the virus; and
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indian Township Tribal Council does hereby declare a state of emergency over COVID-19.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township and authorizes and directs every Tribal Program Director to implement their own COVID-19 prevention and response plans without further Indian Township Tribal Council approvals until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Indian Township Tribal Council empowers the Chief and Vice-Chief to coordinate with any agency (Federal, State, Local, or International) it deems needed to ensure the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township receives the greatest amount of resources and funding to effectively combat the COVID-19 pandemic.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Indian Township Tribal Council fully empowers the Chief and Vice-Chief to expend available funds as well as conduct whatever means they deem necessary to carry out any and all actions they deem needed to protect the safety and well-being of the Passamaquoddy Tribal members and residents of the Indian Township Tribal community.

Therefore be it resolved,

I, the undersigned Clerk, for the Indian Township Passamaquoddy Tribal Governor and Council, do hereby, certify and attest that the Passamaquoddy Tribal Governor and Council of whom 8 Were present at a duly called meeting on the March Day of 13 2020, constitution a quorum, and this resolution was adopted at the meeting by a vote of 7 in favor, 8 Opposed, Abstentions, and 8 Members absent.

[Signatures]

William Nicholas, Chief
Council Member

Darrell Newell, Vice-Chief
Council Member

Elisabeth D. Carse
Council Member

Sajja Davis
Council Member

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Council Member

March 13, 2020
Date

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