



# Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #20-31  
MARCH 24, 2020

## RESOLUTION

**Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and

**Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in special session on March 24, 2020, at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

**Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation acknowledges that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Coronavirus a pandemic; and

**Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation also acknowledges that the President of United States and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma have declared a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas,** the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention has issue the Revised Interim Guidance for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) on March 15, 2020 recommending a number of factors to be considered in postponing or canceling mass gatherings, including those large gatherings, particularly those of more than 10 people, offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

**Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby find and declare that conditions affecting public health, welfare, education, and employment have arisen with and throughout the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**Whereas,** the COVID-19 may result in undue human suffering and hardship and safety, health, welfare and well- being of the citizens and local economy of Pawnee Nation; and

**Whereas,** an emergency declaration may implement all locally available resources that may be available to respond to the COVID-19 virus within the state and federal government to organize and prepare to respond, mitigate and alleviate the effects of this impending disaster and be able to meet the needs of the situation to protect Pawnee Nation and its people; and

**Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation Business Council hereby declares a ***State of Emergency*** for the Pawnee Nation and has already activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic, also known as the coronavirus for the purpose of the exercising necessary emergency powers, setting up an emergency fund account and for expending local resources, and for requesting aid, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of Oklahoma and the United States Government and this action will remain in force until such time the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Pawnee Nation and has activated



the Emergency Operations Center due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 and to remain in force until such time when this Pandemic has been contained and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Proclamation shall be effective immediately.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that events or gatherings of 10 people or more with the Pawnee Nation's jurisdictions are prohibited.

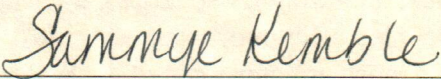
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this state of emergency shall continue until such time when this Pandemic has been contained and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities as declared by the Center for Disease Control and/or the President of the United States.


### C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Sammye Kemble, Acting Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 6 were present, 2 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

*Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020*

ATTEST:

  
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Sammye Kemble, Acting Secretary  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

  
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James E. Whiteshirt, President  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

