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**OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF AND COUNCIL**

March 18, 2020

TO: Members of the Alexander First Nation

Re: COVID-19

Tansi,

We understand that there are numerous concerns and questions that you all may have at this time. We want to assure you that as a government we are committed to protecting you and your families.

We've implemented a response team to address the needs and concerns of the community, they are the first responders. Our response team are meeting daily via teleconference to update and assess the situation.

The response team is made up of the following:

1. Bill Paul
2. Marlene Arcand
3. Loïselle Arcand
4. Loriann Paul
5. James Arcand
6. Wyatt Arcand
7. Brooks Arcand-Paul

At this time, please note that as of the date of this letter, there **are no reported cases** of COVID-19 within our Nation. The Alexander Health Services department is, and will continue to be, diligently monitoring these stats. The AFN Leadership have not declared a state of emergency; however, a declaration of the implementation of emergency precautionary measures has been implemented and shall be enforced and monitored over the coming days and weeks.

The AFN Chief and Council have sent all non-essential employees home and have closed all public buildings to limit public interaction and to further increase safety. We are making every effort to ensure all essential services will continue to provide necessary services such as housing maintenance, roads, garbage disposal, water delivery, child and family and health Services. We want to recognize and thank the departments and staff for their hard work and dedication to our members.

At this time, we have not closed our borders or isolated the community, but we are strongly encouraging our members to stay home and avoid all unnecessary travel. In doing so, you are reducing the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19.

Together, we all need to ensure the health and safety of our elderly, the vulnerable and those with serious medical conditions. By implementing social distancing, staying home, washing your hands, and not sneezing in your hands, and avoiding large groups you can do your part to help protect each other.

For emergencies, please call 911, for all other inquiries please contact the **on-call nurse at the Elder's Lodge at 780.939.5573.**

IMPORTANT:

In the event that the nation is in a "State of Emergency" the AFN Chief and Council will publicly declare this, and the **AFN Emergency Response Plan** will be activated. At this point in time, we are constantly monitoring, assessing and preparing our community-based resources, but to be clear, we are not declaring a "State of Emergency".

We are meeting daily via teleconference to get updated and informed to assess and monitor the situation as it progresses. Again, our priority is the members of Alexander, and we are committed to protecting the health and safety of our members. We all have a part to play during this time of uncertainty, we wanted to share with you how we are working to ensure the safety of our members.

The Nations community-based resources will continue to be made available, such as the Emergency Band Member Assistance program (EBMA), members can access this following the standard procedures through the Social Development department.

We are asking our members to please be kind when accessing and requesting services and supports, we are all from the same community and we share the same services.

In closing, we are committed to providing updates on the state of the Nation, to the members, through the Nations authorized social media site Facebook and web page, as well as door to door information packages. Again, lets all do our part to protect our Nation by showing care and compassion for one another.

We ask the creator to watch over our Nation and each and everyone of you.

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AFN Chief and Council, and

Council Member, Anita Arcand
Council Member, Cheryl Savioe
Council Member, Sheldon Arcand

Chief, Kurt Burnstick

Council Member, Joe Kootenay
Council Member, Marcel Paul
Council Member, Chris Arcand

The AFN Executive Management Team.

Al Arcand, Tribal Administrator
Wanda Arcand-Whitford, Director of Operations
Allan Littlejohn, Director of Finance

c.c. AFN Program Directors
AFN In-House Legal Counsel