



ALEXANDER FIRST NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL

March 25, 2020

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Alexander First Nation (“AFN”) Chief and Council have hereby declared a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** (“Declaration”). This Declaration shall also serve as notice that the pestilence clause of Treaty Number 6 (“Treaty”) is formally being initiated by AFN. Further, we are taking precautionary measures to inform Her Majesty the Queen that the medicine chest clause will be initiated in response to the pandemic of COVID-19.

This State of Emergency shall be applicable on the AFN main reserve (“Nation”). Those in and around AFN reserve 134(a) and 134(b) are cautioned to exercise their discretion while on the reserve during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to follow all precautionary measures by local authorities. **The following conditions shall be in force on the Nation as of today, until further notice:**

1. The Nation shall be put into isolation. Outside visitors are NOT permitted on the Nation at this time, and off-reserve members should limit their visits to the Nation at this time;
 - a. This prohibition applies to all non-resident employees and contractors who attend the Nation, unless specified in writing by AFN’s Executive Management Team;
2. Individuals and households are required self-isolate, excepting trips for purposes such as medical, grocery/supplies and employment off the Nation where members are being requested to exercise as much caution as possible;
3. Social gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited, with the exception of households with 5 or more individuals;
4. Nation buildings shall remain closed until further notice, with the exception of essential services*; and
5. Increased monitoring of the Nation shall be in effect 24/7 for the Nation and essential services*, including but not limited to, engaging the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This Declaration is being made with heartfelt concern from Chief and Council to protect the members of Alexander First Nation from the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are concerned with the amount of cases surrounding the Nation, including nearby counties and the City of Edmonton. Our Nation has limited resources to assist with our most vulnerable when COVID-19 reaches our people, and as such we are taking this measure to ensure we are protecting and ensuring the safety our Nation.

We are also making this Declaration to ensure that our Treaty rights are upheld in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Canada understands its obligations under Treaty to our Nation and our members.

Please visit our website (www.alexanderfn.com) or our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), for continuing updates on the status of AFN’s State of Emergency.

Hiy hiy, Nanaskiymon,

AFN Chief and Council

Chief, Kurt Burnstick

Council Member, Anita Arcand
Council Member, Cheryl Savoie
Council Member, Sheldon Arcand

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

*Essential services: Alexander Health Services, Social Development,
Housing, Public Works, Alexander Gas Bar

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