RESOLUTION NO: 20-03-31

DATE: March 20, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID – 19 Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe composed of Eleven Autonomous bands located in Northeastern California, since time immemorial, AND

WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribe is governed by the Pit River Tribal Council, the body duly elected under the Constitution of the Pit River Tribe, adopted August 16, 1987 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs December 3, 1987, as amended, AND

WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribal Council is empowered by Article VII of the Constitution to enact all ordinances and resolutions which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into effect the Council’s powers and responsibility, including, but not limited to contract with Federal, State and Tribal Governments, private enterprises, individuals and organizations, AND

WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribal Council is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized, AND

WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Pit River Tribe empowered pursuant to its inherent sovereign authority and the Articles of Association to represent the Pit River and act in all matters that concern the health, safety and general welfare of the Pit River Nation, including the power to enact ordinances, and manage resources of the Pit River Tribe, AND

WHEREAS: The World Health Organization designated the COVID – 19 outbreak a pandemic of International concern on March 11, 2020; AND

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WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America declared a national emergency, in response to COVID-19 global pandemic, on March 13, 2020; AND

WHEREAS: The Governor of the State of California issued an emergency declaration for the entire State of California and directed emergency procedures be implemented to combat the spread of COVID – 19; AND

WHEREAS: It is imperative for the Tribe to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Pit River Nation and surrounding areas, to implement measures to protect the public health and slow the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; AND

WHEREAS: If COVID-19 spreads onto the Pit River Nation at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other local jurisdictions within the State of California, the number of persons requiring medical care will exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risks to the public, maintains the health and safety of the people of the Pit River Nation, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That in its capacity as the official governing body of the Tribe and pursuant to its inherent sovereignty and constitutional authority under the Articles of Association, finds it necessary to declare a State of Emergency to exist on the Pit River Tribal Nation in order to minimize the threat of potential outbreak and spread of COVID-19 into the Pit River Nation, to make Pit River Tribal resources available, to help formalize emergency actions already underway within the Tribal Government and assist the Pit River Nation to prepare for the potential outbreak and spread of COVID-19; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Pit River Tribe is authorized to take extra measures, including, but not limited to, ordering social distancing, quarantine, and the closing of government buildings, businesses or enterprises to respond to this crisis and the Tribe will seek tribal, state and federal aid; AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: The Tribe calls on the Governor of the State of California to include the Pit River Nation and all California Native American Tribes and federally recognized tribes located in California (collectively “California Tribes”) in any State of California declaration of emergency on COVID – 19 and to further include all such California Tribes in any request for disaster relief assistance from the federal government as for the State of California

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I, the under-signed Tribal Chairperson, Agnes Gonzalez of the Pit River Tribe, do hereby certify the Pit River Tribal Council is composed of eleven autonomous bands of which ___ were present, constituting a quorum at a regular scheduled, noticed, convened and held meeting this Friday March 20, 2020. And ___ Tribal Council present, to approve this resolution adopted by a vote of ___ yes ___ no ___ abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

Agnes Gonzalez, Tribal Chairperson
Tracy Eades, Tribal Secretary

Tribal Council Member Signatures:

Ajumawi Representative:

Aporige Representative:

Astariwi Representative:

Astegewi Representative:

Atwamsini Representative:

Hammawi Representative:

Hewiscadwi Representative:

Ilmawi Representative:

Itsatawi Representative:

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