



MONACAN INDIAN NATION

Executive Office

Chief Branham

Under the Constitution of the Monacan Indian Nation, and in the interest of the Monacan Indian Nation People and the general public, I, Kenneth W. Branham, Tribal Chief, declare that a Public State of Emergency for the Monacan Indian Nation exists with the territory of the Monacan Indian Nation.

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the Monacan Indian Nation extends over all persons, subjects, property, and over all activities occurring within the territory of the Monacan Indian Nation and over all Monacan Indian Nation citizens, subjects, property and activities outside such territory affecting the rights and laws of the Monacan Indian Nation.

WHEREAS, a highly infectious Coronavirus Disease known as (COVID-19) has spread and increased globally as indicated by the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and other public health organizations within the United States; and

WHEREAS, several confirmed COVID-19 cases have been verified with the Monacan Nation territory and surrounding areas, the Executive Office and all of its employees are closely monitoring the situation.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Monacan Indian Nation were directed to restrict travel.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KENNETH W. BRANHAM, DO DECLARE, THAT A PUBLIC AND HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE MONACAN INDIAN NATION EXISTS WITH THE TERRITORY OF THE MONACAN INDIAN NATION AND CONTINUES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

I FURTHER DECLARE, ALL MONACAN INDIAN NATION PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS SHALL COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE WITH ALL FEDERAL, TRIBAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO RESTORE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC HEALTH, PROPERTY, LIVELIHOOD, AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.

I FURTHER DECLARE, THE OFFICE OF THE MONACAN INDIAN NATION CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, EXCEPT FOR BY APPOINTMENT; CRITICAL BUSINESS FUNCTIONS WILL CONTINUE WITH OFFICE PERSONEL AND WILL USE TELEPHONE, EMAIL, AND INTERNET WHEN POSSIBLE. THE MONACAN INDIAN NATION WILL ADOPT CDC HEALTH PROTOCOLS TO RESTRICT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

I FURTHER DECLARE, ALL DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS SHOULD SEEK FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

SO ISSUED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, IN AMHERST, MONACAN INDIAN NATION, VA.

Kenneth W. Branham

CHIEF KENNETH W. BRANHAM

