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OHKAY OWINGEH  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
March 13, 2020

Ohkay Owingeh is hereby declaring a State of Emergency for Ohkay Owingeh lands located in Northern, New Mexico. Due to the impacts of the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 Ohkay Owingeh is urgently committing “to safeguard and protect the Health and Safety of its Tribal Members, and the general welfare, property, cultural and natural resources of Ohkay Owingeh”. By initiating substantial resources and effort towards ensuring that COVID-19 does not infect the Tribal Community.

The tribe is also temporarily instituting a tribal ban until further notice as follows:

1. All travel for the benefit of the tribe is hereby prohibited, except for emergency travel,
2. All persons entering the reservation after traveling more than 100 miles from the reservation are being asked to self-quarantine and monitor their health status for 14 days,
3. All persons on or entering Ohkay Owingeh lands who have been in contact with a person known to have been infected by COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days and contact the tribes Public Safety Department and Social Services CHR Department at the number listed below, and
4. Any person on Ohkay Owingeh lands who suspects they have COVID-19 may call the tribes Public Safety Department at the number below.

All tribal members are encouraged to look out for one another, assist those in need and exercise effective and regular hygiene to ensure the risk of spreading any infection.

  
Ron Lovato  
Governor

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