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State of Emergency – Tribal Council Issues Stay-at-Home Order and Other Rules

AKWESASNE – On April 7, 2020 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council adopted a Tribal Council Resolution (TCR 2020-23), issuing a Stay-at-Home Order and other rules effective immediately, pursuant to the ongoing State of Emergency for the community of Akwesasne (TCR 2020-17). The “Stay-at-Home” Order is based upon recommendations from health officials and the Tribal Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to ensure our community stays safe and slows the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible. Among several other directives, the Order provides the following central rules:

- All individuals currently living on the southern portion of the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation are to stay home or at their place of residence with limited exceptions. Everyone must stay home between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., with the limited exception of anyone performing Essential Services and Essential Government Functions.
- Businesses shall close at 9:00 p.m. every night.
- Do not gather at private residences for social gatherings to include birthdays or other celebrations.
- Anyone may leave his/her home or place of residence for Essential Activities, such as:

To perform tasks essential to his/her health and safety, or to the health and safety of his/her family or household members, such as, by way of example seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies, medication, or visiting a health care professional.

To obtain necessary services or supplies for himself/herself and his/her family or households members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, take-out food, gasoline, household consumer products, supplies to work from home, access to a Wi-Fi spot for education, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence.

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To engage in outdoor activity, provided that any individual must comply with the six (6) feet distance social distancing requirement, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or biking. The Tewathahita Walking Trail is open at this time. However, Generations Park (fields, playground, lacrosse box) remains closed.

To care for family members, friends, or pets in another household, and to transport family members, or friends to obtain necessary services, supplies or emergency services.

“We all must do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, particularly for those who are elderly or have underlying chronic health conditions, and prevent it from contributing to the overwhelmed healthcare facilities. The more Akwesasro:non who take this seriously and stay home, the faster we can return to normal,” stated the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council Resolution can be found in its entirety at www.srmt-nsn.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Stay Home Order, please contact the Emergency Operations Center at eoc@srmt-nsn.gov or by phone at (518)320-0019.

We appreciate your cooperation, as the ongoing health and safety of the Akwesasne community needs to remain a priority.

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