

RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Extend Phase Two Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 with "Safer At Home" Orders Effective From November 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, in *special* meeting assembled on October 25, 2021

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (hereinafter "CRIT" or "Tribes") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(v) of the Constitution of the Colorado River Indian Tribes authorizes the Tribal Council to promulgate ordinances and resolutions providing for the administration of the health, education and welfare of members of the tribes; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak on January 31, 2020; the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and the United States declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and CRIT also declared an emergency for the Reservation on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 54-20 on April 1, 2020 requiring all non-essential businesses to close and all non-essential personnel to stay at home until April 30, 2020 and extended until August 31st, 2020 by Resolution No. 112-20, 99-20, 75-20 and 61-20 necessary to flatten the significant surge of positive COVID-19 cases in the tribal community between May 1st and July 31st, 2020; and

The foregoing resolution was on October 25, 2021 duly approved by a vote of 6 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pursuant to authority vested in it by Sections 1.v., Article VI of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

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By



Chairwoman



Secretary

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WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 135-20 approving phase two measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 with a “Safer at Home” Order effective until September 30, 2020 with extensions until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes experienced a significant surge in positive coronavirus cases in December and January and reinstated the Stay at Home order effective from December 24, 2020 until March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to a significant reduction in COVID-19 cases the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 47-21 to re-instate the Safer at Home Order from March 13, 2021 until April 30, 2021 with an extension until May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council approved Resolution No. 110-21, Phase 3, on May 28, 2021 in order to continue the phased and safe re-opening of the Tribal economy, with an extension until October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council reinstated the Safer at Home Order effective September 16, 2021 until October 31, 2021 due to significant increase in COVID-19 cases per Resolution No. 293-21; and

WHEREAS, the CRIT incident command team reviewed the current COVID-19 case rates and vaccination rates for the IHS, La Paz County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the CRIT incident command team has recommended Tribal Council extend the Safer at Home Order along with maintaining current face mask requirements due to a continued positivity rate above 5% and less than 50% of eligible people vaccinated in La Paz County; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes continues to be in a state of emergency and the risk of the current surge of COVID-19 continues to be a grave danger to the Colorado River Indian Tribal member and non-tribal community as an insufficient percentage of the tribal and non-tribal community have been vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is prepared to extend the “Safer at Home” measures to mitigate and slow the recent surge of COVID-19 cases and continue efforts to increase vaccination rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that the Colorado River Indian Tribes hereby approves extending the “Safer at Home” Orders outlined in Resolution No. 293-21 until December 31, 2021 or until Tribal Council, in consultation with public health officials and the CRIT Incident Command Team, determines that the threat has decreased or

increased and these measures can be lifted or Stay at Home orders must be reinstated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRIT Incident Command team shall monitor the rates of transmission of COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccination rates amongst the tribal and non-tribal community to evaluate whether an adequate percentage have been vaccinated in order to consider lifting mitigation measures; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this action.