RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Reinstate Resolution No. 54-20 Requiring All Non-Essential Businesses to Close and all Non-Essential Personnel to Stay at Home From December 24, 2020 Until January 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 December 29, 2020

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.

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; and

The foregoing resolution was on December 29, 2020 duly approved by a vote of 4 for, 1 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                          
Chairman Acting

Secretary
WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 135-20, Phase 2 measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, a "Safer at Home" Order which was effective September 1, 2020 and extended by Resolution No. 196-20 and 281-20 until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the percent bi-weekly change of Indian Health Services case increase reached 9.1% on December 22, 2020 and the Chairman reinstated the provisions of the "Stay at Home" order, Resolution No. 54-20 effective on December 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes continues to be in a state of emergency and the current surge of COVID-19 continues to be a grave danger to the Colorado River Indian Tribal member and non-tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes community has seen a significant surge in positive coronavirus cases with Indian Health Service reporting 113 positive cases from December 1 to December 22; and

WHEREAS, the closure of non-essential businesses and stay at home order approved by Resolution No. 54-20 must be reinstated to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that the Colorado River Indian Tribes hereby ratifies Chairman action reinstating Resolution No. 54-20 effective on December 24th, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves reinstating the provisions of Resolution 54-20 and those provisions shall remain in effect until January 31st, 2021, or until Tribal Council, in consultation with public health officials, determines that the threat has decreased and these restrictions can be lifted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any business or entity which petitioned to re-open during the pendency of Resolution No. 54-20 and its extensions or Resolution 135-20 and its extensions, shall continue to comply with the plans submitted to Tribal Council and additional Tribal mandates including any more stringent requirements passed by Tribal Council since approval was granted to re-open, such as the face covering requirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this does not impact permits previously issued by CRIT Fish and Game for deer hunting and mesquite gathering for Tribal Members or ORV, fishing and hunting permits issued to any Tribal or community members provided permit holders comply with private gathering limits; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained herein modifies the face mask requirements mandated by Resolution No. 98-20, which remains in full force and effect until rescinded by Tribal Council; and

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