



# Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

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## FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

- WHEREAS,** The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (“the Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation is governed by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”) pursuant to the Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (“Constitution”) ratified by the Tribe on October 19, 1999 approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 22, 2017, through Resolution No. Ft. McD. 2017-89, the Tribal Council authorized the Tribal Council President to exercise certain powers and authorities during times of emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, and the Governor of the State of Arizona declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak on March 11, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 poses a real and serious public health threat to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, its members, its employees, and its visitors for infectious disease spread if proper precautions and recommendations by public health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are not followed; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, its members, its employees, and its visitors remain safe and healthy; and
- WHEREAS,** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, as Tribal Council President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, I determine that a state of emergency does exist within the Nation.

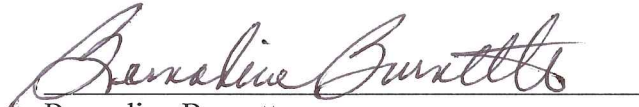
**NOW, THEREFORE,** as President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation All-Hazard

Emergency Operations Plan, which was adopted by Resolution No. Ft. McD. 2017-89, I hereby invoke my emergency authority to govern by declaration.

**IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY** exists within the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all departments of the Nation utilize and employ Nation personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of all activities consistent with the direction of the Emergency Manager and the Nation's All- Hazard Emergency Operations Plan.

**DECLARED** for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

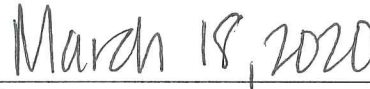


Bernadine Burnette  
President, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Attested to:



Verlene Enos  
Tribal Secretary



Date