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Fort McDowell Casino, We-Ko-Pa Resort, and Fort McDowell Government Offices

Extend Temporary Suspension of Operations

In response to the evolving news of the COVID-19 virus, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette said the Tribal Council decided this morning to extend the temporary closure of the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort and the Government offices for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation through Thursday, April 30th.

These unprecedented times call for action by everyone in our community. The decision to temporarily suspend operations was done for the health and safety of our guests, team members, and all Yavapai Nation Tribal Members.

"While we originally indicated this was to last until April 2nd, it has become clear that is not possible," said President Burnette of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. "We are as anxious as everyone to reopen and get back to normal however we are paying close attention to what our public health professionals are saying, the actions of our elected leaders, and the decisions of others who own businesses as well.

"We are all in this together and we will get through this together and hopefully that is very soon," President Burnette said. "We appreciate and value the hard work and dedication from our team members and our Tribal Members, and know and believe that the future is bright for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation."

The Nation has committed to pay their employees with benefits during this temporary suspension of operations.

We have been actively following the guidelines and best practices set forth from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Arizona Department of Health Services.

We plan to reopen the morning of Thursday, April 30th.

The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort hotel staff will work with their guests. Guests with upcoming reservations during the temporary suspension of operations, will be contacted on an individual basis for cancellations or rescheduling their visit.

At the present time, the We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Baja Gas, Eagle View RV Resort, and Yavapai Materials and Farm will remain open.

Throughout this closure, the Casino Resort will continue to keep the public updated. Should we decide to open sooner, or need to extend the closure, we will update our websites at fmncasino.com and wekoparesort.com and fmyn.org

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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