April 26, 2020

Dear Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Members.

First and foremost, on behalf of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council, thank you for adhering to the Nation’s orders and recommendations issued over the past several weeks as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of you are important to our Nation and we asked that you continue to follow the Nation’s orders and recommendations including health and safety guidelines from the U.S. Center for Disease Control like social distancing, staying home and personal hygiene. We will continue to keep tribal members updated on changes related to the Nation’s tribal government, services, enterprises and other matters important to the Nation.

Secondly, we want to take this opportunity to share with tribal members the incredible work the Tribal Council and members of its team have been doing since the Nation issued its state of emergency on March 18, 2020. It has been challenging but our Tribal Council is weathering these times with strong leadership and sound decision making and we will continue to do so.

Attached is the list of actions taken by the Nation since March 15, 2020 through April 25, 2020. In addition to the list, the Tribal Council and its team are diligently lobbying and working to secure federal funding for the Nation from the U.S. Government under recent federal legislations like the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). We have had numerous teleconferences and consultations with U.S. congressional delegations and leaders of various federal agencies like the U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Health Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and others regarding federal funding. We have also submitted written comments to U.S Congress members and federal agencies on behalf of the Nation.

Finally, as you know, we are living in unprecedented times. Please take care of yourself and your families and stay safe. We will get through this and come out a stronger community and Nation.

If you have any questions or financial and budget inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Tribal Council.

Sincerely,

Bernadine Burnette, President
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

CC: Tribal Council, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

*Attachment - List of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Actions Taken From March 15, 2020 to April 25, 2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*
List of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Actions Taken From
March 15, 2020 to April 25, 2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

March 15, 2020
- EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting with Tribal Members and FMYN Emergency Team at We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort RE: COVID-19
- First letter to the Nation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, dated March 15, 2020, RE: Update of Services at FMYN

March 17, 2020
- Special Council Meeting

March 18, 2020
- EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting at Tribal Headquarters
- Resolution Temporarily Closing the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Government and Services for Two Weeks (14 Days) as a Public and Safety Measure Due to Spread of COVID-19 - Government employees on paid administrative leave; Essential employees working
- Resolution Temporarily Closing the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort for Two Weeks (14 Days) Due to Spread of COVID-19 - Casino Resort employees on paid administrative leave; Essential employees working
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Declaration of State of Emergency Due to the Coronavirus
- Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN - Held at least every two (2) days; Emergency Team includes Tribal Council, Essential Department Directors, Enterprise CBO and Casino Resort Management
- Teleconference Call: Arizona Governor Doug Ducey with Tribal Leadership

March 19, 2020
- Teleconference Call: U.S. Senator Martha McSally with Arizona Tribes
- Teleconference Call: I.H.S. COVID-19 Update to Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders
- FMYN Essential Supply Distribution at FMYN Parks and Recreation

March 20, 2020
- Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN

March 22, 2020
- Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting
- Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
- President’s Letter to the Nation RE: Update of Services at FMYN
• Nation Closed to the Public (including tribal and community members) the Nation’s northern boundary roads (Mustang Road to Rio Verde boundary) except for emergency access until further notice
• Tribal Council Authorized the Nation’s Tribal Funds for the Operations and Services of Nation’s Tribal Government and Casino Resort Until April 30, 2020

March 23, 2020
• Teleconference Call: I.H.S. Tribal Consultation COVID-19 Funding

March 24, 2020
• Letter to KeyBank RE: Amendment to New Current Casino Loan
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: Medical Trustees Meeting

March 25, 2020
• President’s Letter to the Nation RE: Update of Services
• Letter to U.S. Senators and U.S. House of Representatives RE: Requesting Assistance Due to Coronavirus
• Letter to Arizona Governor Doug Ducey RE: Requesting assistance against the Coronavirus

March 26, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Medical Trustees Meeting
• PRESS RELEASE: FMYN Announces First Positive COVID-19 Case
• Letter to the Nation RE: FMYN First Positive COVID-19 Case
• Letter to the Nation RE: Visitors to Tribal and Private Houses Located on the Nation

March 27, 2020
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting

March 28, 2020
• Teleconference Call: Medical Trustees Meeting

March 30, 2020
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Letter to Tribal First, Lexington Insurance Company and Ironshore Environmental Claims CSO RE: Reservation of Right to File Additional Claims Related to COVID-19
• Resolution To Extend Temporary Closure of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Government and Services to April 30, 2020 Due to COVID-19 - *Government employees on paid administrative leave; Essential employees working*
• Resolution Temporary Closure of the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort to April 30, 2020 Due to COVID-19 - *Casino Resort employees on paid administrative leave; Essential employees working*
• Letter to the Nation RE: Extension of Temporary Closure of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nations Government and Services and the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort until April 30, 2020
• PRESS RELEASE: Fort McDowell Casino, We-Ko-Pa Resort and Fort McDowell Government Offices Extend Temporary Suspension of Operations
• President’s Letter to the Nation RE: Update of Services at FMYN

March 31, 2020
• Teleconference Call: ITAA/ITCA Tribal Leaders
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting

April 1, 2020
• President’s Letter to the Nation RE: Current Hours of Operation for the Nation’s Essential Businesses
• Teleconference Call: I.H.S. Tribal Consultation-CARES Act COVID-19 Funding
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting
• Teleconference Call: SBA Paycheck Protection Program
• FMYN Essential Supply Distribution at FMYN Parks and Recreation

April 2, 2020
• Teleconference Call: CARES Act Tribal Consultation
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting

April 3, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting

April 4, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on our Emergency and/or Services at FMYN

April 5, 2020
• Payroll Protection Program Applications to KeyBank for Baja Gas, We-Ko-Pa Golf, Poco Diablo Resort, We-Ko-Pa Resort, Yavapai Materials, Eagle View RV and FMYNE

April 6, 2020
• Letter to Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, RE: FMYN Written Comments-CARES ACT TITLE VI, Coronavirus Relief Fund
• Letter to Jovita Carranza, U.S. Small Business Administration and Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury RE: Clarifying Eligibility of Tribal Government-owned and Operated Indian Gaming Enterprises in the Paycheck Protection Program
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting
• Teleconference Call: Medical Trustees Meeting
• Teleconference Call: ITAA/ITCA COVID-19

April 8, 2020
• Letter to the Nation RE: Stay Home, Stay Safe
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team, Update on our Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: U.S. Senator Sinema and Tribal Leaders

April 9, 2020
• Letter to the Navajo Nation President RE: Gaming Device Operating Rights Transfer Pool Agreement
• Letter to the Havasupai Tribe RE: Gaming Device Operating Rights Transfer Pool Agreement
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Tribal Council Meeting
• Teleconference Call: Indian Country COVID-19

April 10, 2020
• Teleconference Call: I.H.S. Phoenix Area-Tribal and Urban Facilities COVID-19

April 11, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team, Update on our Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: ITAA Executive Board

April 13, 2020
• FMYN Cash Flow Projection Plan During Closure of Government and Casino Resort
• Letter to Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury RE: Tribal Governments Require Urgent Relief Under the CARES Act
• PRESS RELEASE: Arizona Jobs in Jeopardy
• Certification for Requested Tribal Data for CARES Act Appropriation Funding for Tribes
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting

April 14, 2020
• FMYN & Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Collaborative Agreement for Use of Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Kits
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: Tribal Consultation regarding Tribal Employers’ Participation in the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program
• Teleconference Call: Tribal Consultation on Tribal Employers’ Eligibility for the CARES Act Employee Retention Credit

April 15, 2020
• Teleconference Call: DOI Tribal Leaders, Distribution of CARES Act BIA Funding
• Teleconference Call: ITAA/ITCA Tribal Leaders Meeting
• Teleconference Call: Medical Trustees Meeting

April 16, 2020
• Teleconference Call: EMERGENCY Special Council Meeting
• Teleconference Call: Indian Country COVID-19 Update with Tribal Leaders

April 17, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on our Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: I.H.S. Phoenix Area-Tribal and Urban Facilities COVID-19

April 21, 2020
• Teleconference Call: ITAA/ITCA Tribal Leaders COVID-19 Response
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting

April 23, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• Teleconference Call: Indian Country COVID-19 Response Team
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Stimulus Team Meeting

April 25, 2020
• Teleconference Call: FMYN Emergency Team Meeting, Update on Emergency and/or Services at FMYN
• FMYN Essential Supply Distribution at FMYN Parks and Recreation