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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Establishing COVID19 (Coronavirus) Response Team & Issuing Temporary Travel Moratorium.

I am hereby suspending all travel of the Oglala Sioux Tribe employees, and entities administrated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe, as well as any Elected Officials of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, effective immediately. In the event that anyone must travel for essential governmental purposes, they must acquire the President's approval, which may be granted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the President.

I am calling for a mandatory meeting Monday March 9, 2020 at 10:00 am, at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Transportation Department, applicable to all necessary Tribal Programs. If you are not listed and feel you need to be, please attend. The following programs are requested and required to attend: **OST Chief of Staff, OST Ambulance Service, OST Department of Public Safety, Pine Ridge and Rapid City Community Health Representatives, OST Emergency Management, OST Department of Corrections, OST Transit Authority, OST Education Department, OST Health Administration, OST Health Education, OST Child Care, Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Authority, OST Nursing Home.** All program directors must be present only sending designees if absolutely necessary. COVID19 (Coronavirus) testing, preparedness and readiness are paramount and all tribal programs are directed to assist in every way possible to implement this order and the work product developed together.

The following are strongly encouraged to attend: **Indian Health Service CEO, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board CEO, Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent, Oglala Lakota County Commissioners and the Oglala Lakota County Sheriff's office.** With your assistance we are tasked with developing an aggressive education campaign to be deployed immediately.

In order to further protect the health and general welfare of the Oglala Lakota Nation, I strongly recommend the general public coming from off reservation to visit, to postpone your visits until a time deemed necessary that the travel suspension is lifted.

Lastly, Mitakuyapi, take all precautions consistent with infectious diseases, viruses and microbiota spread and exposure risks. Exercise good hygiene practices, limit off reservation travel when absolutely possible especially to places with confirmed exposures, and take personal protective precautions if traveling in airports and public spaces.

Wopila for your serious attention in this matter.

Julian Bear Runner, President  
Oglala Sioux Tribe