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• Comments: ATTACHED IS A BCR SIGNED BY CHIEF DELORES KAKEGAMIC AND COUNCIL DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SIGNED ON TUES, MARCH 31, 2020

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<b>BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	Chronological no.
	File reference no.

**NOTE:**  
The words "from our Band Funds" "capital" or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

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**DO HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic and has advised governments around the world to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of this coronavirus;

**WHEREAS** Sandy Lake First Nation Chief and Council are elected to represent the membership of Sandy Lake First Nation, and have an inherent responsibility to protect the health, safety and well-being of their residents and members, both on and off-reserve;

**WHEREAS** Sandy Lake First Nation faces unique and difficult challenges in protecting people from, and containing, this virus, and the spread of COVID-19 poses a critical threat to the health and safety of our community due to overcrowding in homes, our geographic isolation, and inadequate resources due to decades of government neglect;

**WHEREAS** the challenge in Sandy Lake First Nation is further exacerbated as the Water and Sewer infrastructure has reached capacity and failing, leaving the community without water for washing hands or using the washroom for extended periods while the water reservoirs are filled;

**WHEREAS** this crisis is compounded by a persistent and significant shortage of services and supplies such as hand sanitizer, masks, gloves and other essential personal protective equipment, medical supplies and medical staff critical to protecting the health of community members;

**WHEREAS** the leadership of Sandy Lake First Nation has enacted its Pandemic Plan and has directed all on and off-reserve community members to take the steps necessary to protect themselves and community members;

**WHEREAS** our already inadequate on-reserve health system will collapse under strain if COVID-19 enters our community;

**WHEREAS** urban centres already reporting positive COVID-19 cases may also fail to support the needs of our members due to inadequate surge capacity;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Chief and Council hereby declare that Sandy Lake First Nation is under a State of Emergency due to the threat of COVID-19;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this State of Emergency has been declared due to insufficient medical emergency response services including medical staff, medical supplies, testing kits and facilities, personal protective equipment and collective and holistic capacity to adequately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of Sandy Lake First Nation formally calls upon the governments of Canada and Ontario and all departments, agencies and partners to deploy the critical resources required to address the threat of this pandemic immediately;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief and Council of Sandy Lake First Nation directs and authorizes Nishnawbe Aski Nation to communicate the content of this BCR in its entirety to the appropriate senior officials with governments of Canada and Ontario, and any other parties who may be in a position to provide assistance;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Sandy Lake First Nation retains autonomy and directs all governments and programs to work directly with Sandy Lake First Nation on behalf of its members;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that this State of Emergency will remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by subsequent order by the Chief and Council of Sandy Lake First Nation.

Quorum **6**

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