

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Community Government

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ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Mandating use of cloth face coverings in all public settings.)

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council (“Community Council”) issued a declaration entitled “Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak” (“Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman’s designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration; including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

WHEREAS, since enactment of the Declaration, the number of COVID-19 cases in the State of Arizona has continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC’s website, the COVID-19 virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza; and, in general, the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household; and

WHEREAS, prevailing medical guidance suggests that the spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces; and

WHEREAS, multiple data sets have revealed that Native American communities have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Arizona and, thus, Native

American communities can appropriately be deemed high-risk populations;
and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Community to establish a face covering policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Community Council, do hereby order that:

1. Cloth face coverings shall be worn by all individuals who are two (2) years of age or older in public settings when around people outside of their household. Adults accompanying minor children who are two (2) years of age and older shall use reasonable efforts to cause those children to wear face coverings when such minors are in a public setting.
2. Any individual who is observed in public and who is not wearing a face covering shall be notified by law enforcement or any other enforcement agent of the Community of the provision of this Order and given an opportunity to comply prior to any enforcement action being taken.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.



Robert Miguel, Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community

ATTEST:



Victoria A. Smith, Council Executive Secretary
Ak-Chin Indian Community