



Whitesand First Nation

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - COVID 19

I, Chief Allan Gustafson hereby declare an emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, s.4. (1) Due to the emergency described herein.

For the Emergency Area or part thereof described as: Whitesand First Nation in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS Whitesand represents over 490 First Nations Community members;

WHEREAS The World Health Organization, the Governments of Canada and the Ontario Government are advising taking precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS Spread of the virus would be amplified within Whitesand due to situations of overcrowding, remoteness and lack of resources;

WHEREAS Food, medicine and other supplies are more difficult to acquire in a timely manner and in large amounts due to the remote location of Whitesand;

WHEREAS Essential Community Services within Whitesand may not have fallback options, leading to a potential lack of essential services should those providing them fall ill;

WHEREAS Whitesand has limited access to medical services and equipment, which, with spread, could overload those available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Whitesand is sending out their hunters, fishers and gatherers to collect additional food and medicines;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff and leadership of Whitesand will take all the necessary operational steps to keep their Communities and members safe;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Whitesand has requested IFNA activate its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to assist Whitesand and all other IFNA Communities with the coordination of and response to all matters related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but not limited to and Including external support and emergency funding;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOVLED that Whitesand is putting all government bodies on notice that, due to their remote location, there will be a call to provide assistance, resources, and proactive actions at this time.

Signed Allen Atf

Title CHIEF

This 18 day of MARCH 2020 at 9:00 AM

In the First Nation of Whitesand