



# KAW NATION

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## **A Proclamation of the Chair of the Kaw Nation Declaring of a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, the Kaw Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Oklahoma and has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization recognized the outbreak of a novel coronavirus, designated COVID-19, an infectious disease which was initially detected in China in December, 2019, and the symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the evolving public health crisis due to COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, The Kaw Nation recognizes an imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Kaw Nation Community; and

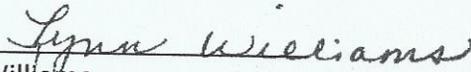
WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Kaw Nation Citizens and Tribal staff and visitors is of utmost importance to the Kaw Nation and additional measures are needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe may require additional assistance in the future and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the Tribe in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, through my authority as Chair of the Kaw Nation on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, that an emergency now exists throughout the Kaw Nation Tribal jurisdiction and Tribal service area; and

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination by the Kaw Nation Tribal Council.

  
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Lynn Williams  
Kaw Nation Chair