

RESOLUTION NUMBER **TMBC741-08-21** OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA


- WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an unincorporated Band of Indians acting under a revised Constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 16, 1959, and amendments thereto approved; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX (a) Section 1 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and Bylaws empowers the Tribal Council with the authority to represent the Band and to negotiate with the Federal, State and local governments and with private persons; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX (b) Section 7 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and Bylaws empowers the Tribal council with the authority to administer any funds for tribal purposes; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and began a variety of effective measures to mitigate the spread of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, CDC has developed 2 criteria for high-risk communities; 1. Greater than 100 cases / 100,000 population over a 7-day period (14-15 cases / week at Turtle Mountain) and 2. Greater than a 10% increase in Covid positivity testing rates over a 7-day period (3.1% positivity for Turtle Mountain). The Turtle Mountain community meets both criteria for high risk. From 8/16/21 to 8/23/21 Turtle Mountain added 22 active Covid cases, well above the 14-15 case threshold for high risk. The Turtle Mountain positivity testing rate increased from 1.52% on 8/16 to 10.52% on 8/23, also well over the 10% threshold of 3.1%. So, the Turtle Mountain community meets both of CDC's criteria for high risk. Turtle Mountain is currently in a surge situation; and
- WHEREAS, it was recommended that the Tribe re-introducing a tribal wide mask mandate, social distancing and hand hygiene measures for all public venues until this surge recedes; now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribe mandating tribal wide use of masks, social distancing and hand hygiene measures for all public venues until this surge recedes in order to mitigate the spread of the virus.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Secretary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of nine (9) members of whom *nine (9)* constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held on the *24th day of August, 2021* that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of *eight (8) in favor* – Representatives Lynn Gourneau, Elmer Davis, Jr., Craig Lunday, Blaine 'Slugger' Davis, Chad Counts, Jon Jon Keplin, Kenneth Malaterre and Ron Trottier, Sr; none (0) opposed; with the Tribal Chairman not voting.

  
Joleen A. Morin, Tribal Secretary *8/26/21*

SIGNED INTO LAW/Dated this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 2021  
 VETOED/Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

  
Jamie Azure, Tribal Chairman