WHEREAS, the Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island is a Federally Recognized and Acknowledged Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Sachem and the Tribal Council are the Governing Body of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, our Narragansett Tribal members face many social challenges associated with inter-generational and historical grief, compounded with real-time grief over the continual loss of loved ones due to all of the negative statistics associated with the high rate of deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Narragansett Indian Tribe recognizes that our greatest asset and at-risk population within our Tribal Community is our Tribal Elders, who are our keepers of Tradition and Culture.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

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

WHEREAS, the number of countries that are experiencing community transmission of COVID-19 continues to grow;

WHEREAS, community transmission in the United States has occurred in some states and is an immediate public health threat to our elderly and those within our Tribal Community with underlying health conditions;
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WHEREAS, community transmission in the United States has occurred in some states and is an immediate public health threat to our elderly and those within our Tribal Community with underlying health conditions;

WHEREAS, within the past week, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations has confirmed 5 cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Narragansett Indian Tribe has worked tirelessly to contain the spread of COVID-19 within its Tribal Community;

WHEREAS, the Narragansett Indian Tribe must take additional measures to limit the spread of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the Auspices of the Chief Sachem and Tribal Council a State of Emergency for the Narragansett Indian Tribe henceforth shall be declared, and as such hereby order and direct the following:

1. A State of Emergency has been declared for the Narragansett Indian Tribe due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and the Tribes hereby activates emergency measures.

2. The Narragansett Indian Tribe is directed to activate all emergency response plans, policies, compacts, and agreements, and to create and establish mobile support units should the need arise.

3. All Narragansett Tribal Administrative Offices and Direct Service Offices, Boards, Committees, and Commissions shall cooperate fully with the Chief Sachem and Tribal Council in all matters concerning this order. Efforts to provide emergency disaster relief to affected Tribal Members directly affected by the COVID-19 crisis should be coordinated by and through the Chief Sachem, Tribal Council, and Indian Health Services.
4. All Tribal Offices and operations shall remain open on a limited basis until further notice and will operate on an adjusted schedule as laid forth by each individual department based off of each individual department’s purpose.

5. All Narragansett Indian Tribal Employees shall strictly adhere to a travel ban until further notice. All travel utilizing federal program monies, and travel conducted in the name of business on behalf of the Narragansett Indian Tribe shall cease until further notice. This includes but is not limited to conference attendance, air travel, rail travel, etc.

6. ALL NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBAL OFFICES (Main Administration, Natural Resource and Community Development, Tribal Police, Tribal Longhouse, Indian Health Services, Social Services) will not except walk-ins. Appointments shall be given on an urgent/emergent basis ONLY.

7. The Narragansett Indian Tribe further invokes a UNIVERSAL VISITOR RESTRICTION. As such, all Narragansett Indian Tribal Offices (Main Administration, Natural Resource and Community Development, Tribal Police, Tribal Longhouse, Indian Health Services, Social Services) will not receive any unsolicited visitors. In an effort to minimize external interaction, all scheduled meetings and workshops will be either postponed or cancelled. All unsolicited visitors will be turned away at the door, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

8. All Narragansett Tribal Body meetings, committee meetings, and commission meetings shall hereby be postponed until further notice.
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9. All Narragansett Tribal Departments shall furnish a modified policy of services and how said services shall be administered, to be made available via Tribalwide mailing, and also on the Tribe’s website, www.narragansettiindiannation.org

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Tribal Secretary of the Narragansett Indian Tribe hereby certify that the Narragansett Tribal Council adopted the above resolution on March 11, 2020.

(seal)

Attest:  

Tribal Secretary

Chief, Sachem, First Councilman
Narragansett Indian Tribe
Social Services Department

The Narragansett Indian Tribe’s Tribal Government has declared a “Tribal State of Emergency” due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice! As a result of the “state of emergency”, all tribal direct service departments and/or agencies have established plans of action to maintain their program services to families in need in the tribal community. The Tribe’s Social Services Department will continue to maintain all program services, but, has placed restrictions on its intake process in providing the needed services to the tribal community during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.

As part of its preventive measures in the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to maintain program services, the Social Services Department has established the following plan action for families seeking program assistance.

1. Families will call the department first, as the intake process will be conducted by telephone with staff for the assistance requested.

2. After the completion of the intake process, applications for assistance will be mailed, faxed, emailed to eligible families from Social Services or picked up at an assigned location for their completion and signatures.

3. Families are required to mail, fax, email back or drop the signed completed applications at an assigned drop-off point along with the required documentation discussed during the intake process with the staff member.

4. Families will be contacted once applications are received by Social Services, if documentation needed was not accompanied with the application and when assistance will be rendered.

5. If funding is unavailable for assistance, Social Service staff will provide referrals and advocacy services to other resources or community-based programs in the local community to assist families in need.

Families seeking assistance are to call the Social Services Department at (401) 213-6880, ext. #110 or #140, to speak with staff.
Social Services will not be accepting walk-in appointments, doing home visits or scheduling appointments for the office during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice!
Narragansett Indian Tribe’s
Senior Meal Site Program

The Narragansett Indian Tribe’s Tribal Government has declared a “Tribal State of Emergency” due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice! As a result of the “state of emergency”, all tribal direct service departments and/or agencies have established plans of action to maintain their program services to families in need in the tribal community. The Tribe’s senior meal site facility will continue to maintain program services, but, has placed restrictions on its process in providing meals to the tribal community during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.

As part of its preventive measures in the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to maintain program services, the Senior Meal Site Program has established the following plan of action for our tribal elders and seniors seeking or in need of a noontime meal.

For tribal elders, seniors or eligible patrons seeking a noontime meal or a home-delivered meal, the following process has been established by the meal site facility during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice:

1. Tribal elders, seniors or eligible patrons seeking a noontime meal are required to call the meal site facility forty-eight (48) hours in advance first to request and reserve a meal for pick-up at the meal site during the lunch hours established.

2. The meal site facility will be providing all the food containers and plastic utensils for the meals being picked up by patrons at a designated area at the facility and for the home-delivered meals along with program menus for review.

3. Tribal elders, seniors or eligible patrons seeking a home-delivered meal are required to call the meal site facility forty-eight (48) hours in advance first to request and reserve a meal for home delivery. Prior to the delivery of the meals, staff will contact those who requested a home-delivered meal and inform them of the arrival time to prevent meals from being unattended. Due to limited means of service, home-delivered meals will be
restricted to Washington County, the Tribe’s service area, and provided two (2) days a week.

4. Referrals to and listings of the surrounding senior meal site centers and Meals On Wheels programs in the local area will be provided when necessary or upon request allowing additional location options for elders, seniors and eligible patrons seeking a noontime meal or a home-delivered meal.

5. The senior meal site program operations are five (5) days a week from 12:00pm – 2:00pm for all those elders, seniors and eligible patrons seeking a noontime meal.

Again, those elders, seniors and/or eligible patrons seeking a noontime meal are required to call the senior meal site facility at (401) 364-6050 to speak with staff to make the necessary arrangements for a meal. The meal site facility will not be accepting reservations or preparing meals for the dining area during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice!
Narragansett Indian Tribe’s
Native American Caregiver Support Program

The Narragansett Indian Tribe’s Tribal Government has declared a “Tribal State of Emergency” due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice! As a result of the “state of emergency”, all tribal direct service departments and/or agencies have established plans of action to maintain their program services to families in need in the tribal community. The Tribe’s Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP) will continue to maintain program services, but, has placed restrictions on its process in providing the needed services to the tribal community during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.

The program administers respite care services to those tribal individuals or families who are responsible for the physical, emotional and financial needs of another family member due to illness, injury or disability. It is the intent of the NACSP to ease some of the burdens that accompany care giving responsibilities for those tribal individuals or families caring for another member. Services provided include short intervals of rest for those individuals caring for a family member, allowing them time off for themselves to meet other family needs and to recoup their strength to continue fulfilling their caregiving responsibilities. To eliminate the stress and worry individuals and/or family members are experiencing over the care of loved ones.

As part of its preventive measures in the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to maintain program services, the Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP) has established the following plan of action for our families caring for another family member.

For families seeking assistance through the Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP), the following process has been established by NACSP during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice:

1. Families are required to call the NACSP program first, as the intake process will be conducted by telephone with staff for the assistance requested.
2. After the completion of the intake process, applications for assistance will be mailed, faxed, emailed to eligible families from NACSP or picked up at an assigned location for their completion and signatures.

3. Families are required to mail, fax, email back or drop the signed completed applications at an assigned drop-off point along with the required documentation discussed during the intake process with the staff member.

4. Families will be contacted once applications are received by NACSP, if documentation needed was not accompanied with the application and when assistance can be provided.

5. NACSP staff will do weekly wellness checks through telephone calls to participating families to ensure that prescription medications are picked up and delivered, that needed food is picked up and delivered, that information and assistance services and supplemental services are provided to assist families in meeting their daily needs.

6. NACSP staff will provide families with a resource list of services, referrals and advocacy services to other caregiver resources or programs in the local community to assist families who are caring for a loved one.

Families seeking assistance are to call the Social Services Department at (401) 213-6880, ext. #110 or #140, to speak with staff.

Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP) will not be accepting walk-in appointments or scheduling appointments for the office during this Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak until further notice!
STATE OF EMERGENCY

Due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak, The Narragansett Indian Tribe has implemented measures to ensure the safety and continuity of business for the Tribe and Tribal Members by declaring a State of Emergency.

Due to the Tribal State of Emergency Declaration pursuant to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, The Narragansett Tribal Police Department enacts its emergency operations protocols.

The Narragansett Tribal Police Department will continue its duties as first responders but will implement extra safety precautions when responding to emergencies. Daily operations will continue seven days a week 8:30 am-3:30 pm-4:00 pm-11:00 pm

Chief Antone Monroe
STATE OF EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & NATURAL RESOURCES

In light of the recent Covid-19 (coronavirus pandemic), The Narragansett Indian Tribe has implemented measures to ensure the safety and continuity of business for the Tribe and Tribal Members by declaring a State of Emergency.

Effective immediately, due to the Tribal State of Emergency Declaration pursuant to the ongoing global Corvid-19 crisis, the Department of Community Planning & Natural Resources (CPNR) enacts its emergency operations protocols.

All communications will be managed via telephone communications and Email. The contact information to reach the CPNR is (401) 364-1100 extension 210 for the Director and/or extension 205 for Assistant Director, Steven Smith and dpspears@ntribe.org and sssmith@ntribe.org. In the event of a complete shutdown, all calls will be forwarded to another satellite access point.

NO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS, VISITS, OR REQUESTS ARE PERMITTED AT THIS TIME.

All requests for the Tribal Elder & Disabled Wood Delivery Program must be made by contacting the telephone numbers provided above. Personnel will continue to deliver wood upon request. CPNR asks that you do not approach staff. Wood will be deposited in an area agreed upon during the telephone wood request to the department.

Dinalyn Spears, CPNR Director 3/13/20
TRIBAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

NIT HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN OFFICE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Until further notice the Human Resources Department will not accept face-to-face office visits for individuals inquiring information from the Human Resources Department.

Any/All inquiries and/or requests can be made by calling the Human Resources Department at (401) 356-1100 ext. 206.

Beth A. Thomas
Human Resources Director
March 12, 2020

Please Be Advised.

Effective immediately, due to the current Tribal State of Emergency Declaration pursuant to the ongoing global Covid-19 crisis, the Tribal Child & Family Services Department enacts its emergency operations protocols.

All communications will be managed electronically. The contact information to reach TCFS is (office) 401.364.9500 (fax) 401.364.9501. and n.tcfs.dept@outlook.com. In the event of a complete shutdown, calls will be forwarded to another satellite access point. No in person meetings or requests are permitted for conduct at this time. Any and all necessary documentation is to be transmitted electronically or by mail. We are unable to permit any ‘drop-offs”. Any requests for services that are not urgent or emergent will be tabled indefinitely or until such time as the state of emergency is lifted.

Please be further advised that urgent and emergent is defined as an active state or situation requiring immediate action or attention and subjecting the affected applicant(s) to displacement, loss of life or health, dissolution or disenfranchisement of the respective circumstance. These circumstances will be determined on a case by case basis.

All non-emergencies may continue to be addressed via the existing application process. Applications may be provided to the applicant from the department, and submitted by the applicant to the department via mail, or email only. The primary applicant is responsible for assuring that all necessary documentation needed to complete her or his applicant file is provided to the TCFS office, including information for applicable household members.

The general mailing address remains PO Box 268, Charlestown RI 02813, to the attention of NTCFS.

Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time.

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STATE OF EMERGENCY

NIT Department of Housing
Change in office Operations in response to COVID-19

Until further notice the Department of Housing will not accept face-to-face office visits for individuals inquiring about or seeking assistance from the housing program/s.

All inquiries and requests for assistance can be made by calling the Department of Housing at 401-364-1100 ext. 233 or ext. 209. Applications may be requested to be sent by mail, email or fax.

All applications and supportive documentation will be accepted via the mail, email or fax only. (No office drop-offs).

Subsidy Assistance intake appointments will be conducted over the phone.
Home repairs may be delayed/discontinued until further notice.
Thank you in advance for your patience during this time of uncertainty.

Holly Hazard, Housing Director
STATE OF EMERGENCY

NIT REAL ESTATE, RIGHTS & RECORDS DEPARTMENT

Effective immediately, due to the current Tribal State of Emergency Declaration pursuant to ongoing global Covid-19 crisis, the Real Estate, Rights and Records Department has a change in office operations.

Until further notice the Department of Real Estate, Rights and Records will not accept face-to-face office visits.

Until further notice there will be no Tribal Photo ID’s taken.

For enrollment of Babies before their first birthday, please call and if no answer, leave the name, (spell it out) date of birth, tribal parent name and a number to call you back when office is opened to bring in your child’s birth certificate.

Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time.

Lorraine E. Keyes
TRIBAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN OFFICE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

PER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Until further notice, the Education Department, comprised of the following programs: Adult Education, Higher Education and the Johnson O’Malley program; will not be accepting walk-in (face-to-face) office visits. All inquiries and requests for assistance can be made by calling the department at (401) 364-1100 ext. 200 or ext. 239. Applications will be sent by mail, email or fax. All applications and supportive documentation will be accepted via the mail, email or fax only (no drop-offs).

Please note, pursuant to the JOHNSON O’MALLEY PROGRAM; all planned program activities (April vacation break) and monthly community meetings are canceled at this time until further notice.

Thank you in advance for your patience during this time of uncertainty.

Jacquelynne A. Stanton, Education Director
TRIBAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT
CHANGE IN OFFICE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
PER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Until further notice, the Adult Vocational Training Department (AVT) and Other Employment Assistance Department (OEA), will not be accepting walk-in (face-to-face) office visits. All inquiries and requests for assistance can be made by calling the department at (401) 364-1100 ext. 204 or ext. 239. Applications will be sent by mail, email or fax. All applications and supportive documentation will be accepted via the mail, email or fax only (no drop-offs).

Thank you in advance for your patience during this time of uncertainty.

Carla L. Monroe, AVT Director