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NOTIFICATION

State of Emergency Declared

April 2, 2020

Aaniin Alderville First Nation community,

This notice is informing Alderville members that we, the Chief and Council have declared a State of Emergency for Alderville First Nation. As you know, the Province of Ontario has already declared a Public Health Emergency.

At this time there are **NO** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Alderville. It is our goal to maintain this status as a community safe from this dangerous pandemic.

We have authority to declare a State of Emergency by virtue of our authority under the Alderville First Nation *Chi-Naaknigewin* (Constitution) which was ratified in May 2019, and our status as a self-governing, sovereign First Nation affirmed by s.35 of Canada's *Constitution Act, 1982*. It is the responsibility of Chief and Council of Alderville First Nation to ensure the health, safety and public order of and for our members, residents and lands.

Our health and safety is under threat by the constant presence of large numbers of people entering our First Nation for the purpose of what amounts to retail shopping. This threat comes at a time when people all over the world are being urged, and in some cases even ordered to avoid any unnecessary movement. For some reason individuals are ignoring the plea to "stay home" and continue to enter onto our First Nation lands

The purpose of this declaration is to, among other things:

1. Alert other levels of government that our First Nation must remain a priority, and that we be provided with the resources necessary to maintain the health safety of the community.
2. Provide us with the ability to take immediate action to protect our Members and residents, including but not limited to restricting people from frequenting our First Nation for any purposes.
3. Ensure that the relevant authorities, including police or other law enforcement agencies, are prepared and able to support any actions taken by Alderville First Nation to protect our health and safety.
4. Issue Council Order #2 that will direct the closure of all retail businesses (excluding gas & fuel sales).

We will continue to plan and take steps necessary to look after the best interests of our First Nation. It is important at this time that we work together and provide one another with unconditional support to protect our great community.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to call our government office and leave a message for Chief Dave Mowat. We are checking our messages regularly and will return your message as soon as possible.

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Alderville First Nation Council

Proudly working together to build a prosperous and healthy environment that promotes independence, honours and respects our values, and enhances our way of life.