Incident Management Team – COVID 19 Press Release

To: Hualapai Community

From: Incident Commander, Melvin Hunter Jr.

Date: March 19, 2020

RE: UPDATE at 1527

This is an unprecedented and difficult time for all of us. The health and safety of our community is our

top priority. As a tribe we have weathered many storms, together as a family – always emerging stronger,

more resilient than ever.

First, we've been closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and are actively following the guidance of

the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

While we are all getting bombarded by the news around COVID-19, I wanted to reach out to you to

provide an update and share some of the actions we are taking to support our community.

- 1. The Tribal Resolution 19-2020 signed by Chairman Clarke has suspended the operations of all non-essential business, including the operation of Grand Canyon West. It also provided for the development of this Incident Command Team.
- 2. We are not in QUARANTINE. We are taking 15 day to self-isolate and practice social distancing.
- 3. The Hualapai Tribe/IMT will not be delivering food to households.
- 4. Government approved meal assistance programs that were previously operating will continue to operate. Which are the school lunches and the elderly program. PS School and Headstart are providing two meals per day Monday Thursday to persons 0-18 years old Elderly is providing breakfast and lunch Monday Friday to those 55+
- 5. We encourage all community members returning home from travel or extended absences from the reservation to check in at the EMS for a precautionary screening
- 6. The tap water in Peach Springs is EXCELLENT, safe to drink and there is plenty.
- 7. The Clinic is open. Call ahead if you need services. 928-769-2900
- 8. Route 66 is open east to west. However, we discourage non-essential travel.
- 9. The Walapai Market is resuming normal hours 7 days a week 630 am 8pm. There are limits to some essential products. 2 per community member per week. 1 per non-community member.
- 10. Be cautious of MISINFORMATION while navigating social media applications. Try to verify information received through casual conversation. We recommended cdc.gov and hualapainsn.gov
- 11. Trash services will continue to be Monday and Thursdays.
- 12. The tribal office will be open from 9 am to 12 p.m.
- 13. Utility Assistance will be accepted. Your bills will continue to be processed.
- 14. Wood can still be purchased at Tribal Forestry paid by money order.
- 15. Hakdagwiva is operating from 9 am to 1 pm. The last shoppers run will be on Saturday March 21, 2020. All Transit routes will stop running on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- 16. As of TODAY, March 18, 2020, there have been NO CONFIRMED POSITIVES IN KINGMAN OR PEACH SPRINGS.

In this time of uncertainty, The IMT wishes everyone the very best. We will continue to update you all as the situation develops.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Information Officer at 928.769.2312.