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**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS
& TOWN OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU**

**LDF Tribe Issues ‘Shelter-At-Home’ Declaration For Everyone’s Safety on Reservation
*Public health emergency measure supported by Lac du Flambeau town government***

LAC DU FLAMBEAU—MARCH 25, 2020—The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians today issued a Shelter-At-Home Declaration until further notice on the Reservation. The Tribe’s No. 1 priority is the safety and security of all who live, work and visit Lac du Flambeau. There are zero confirmed coronavirus cases on the Reservation as of this announcement.

[Read Shelter-At-Home Declaration here for full details](#) or at LDFTribe.com coronavirus policy page.

Until further notice, non-essential businesses shall close and residents will stay at home unless traveling for essential needs. All pedestrian and vehicular movement are prohibited during curfew hours each day from 10pm to 6am.

“The coronavirus public health emergency knows no boundaries and we appreciate the town government supporting our Stay-at-Home declaration to keep everyone as safe as possible,” LDF Tribal President Joseph Wildcat, Sr. said. “We’ve consulted with leading experts in multiple fields to determine the best course of action to help reduce the spread of this virus. The Stay-at-Home declaration is an extraordinary measure to help keep people safe during this serious situation.”

Local law enforcement may inquire about travel within Lac du Flambeau during the public health emergency. By ensuring people stay home, the Tribe is implementing this policy based on the best available information on preventing the spread of the virus.

“The Tribe is moving quickly to head off this coronavirus, and we are in full support of the Shelter-at-Home declaration to help stop this virus,” LDF Town Board Chair Matt Gaulke said. “The Shelter-at-Home declaration is a good idea by Tribal Leadership.”

To keep the community as safe as possible during this historic health emergency, visitors to Lac du Flambeau are asked to register with the Tribe (715) 588-7717 or with the Town (715) 588-3358 when entering Lac du Flambeau. Both governments will share visitor data during the emergency.

“We have limited medical resources regionally and if we have an influx of people coming from hotspots outside of Lac du Flambeau to their second homes in the area, it could have a devastating effect,” LDF President Wildcat and LDF Town Board Chair Gaulke said. “We’re respectfully asking people outside of the community to stay at home until this is over for everyone’s safety.”

The Tribe’s Emergency Response Team works daily to prepare for the virus arriving eventually. If there is a confirmed case of the virus in Lac du Flambeau, it will be announced. Stay informed at LDFTribe.com where there’s a dedicated coronavirus page with community updates and resources.
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