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Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Organized Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 476
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Dear Tribal Members, Reservation Residents, and Tribal employees:

Today the Swinomish Senate extended its March 24, 2020 Stay Home Order to remain in full force and effect until midnight May 4, 2020.

The terms of the Tribe's Stay Home Order remain the same as before. All Tribal members and residents of the Swinomish Reservation must continue to stay in their homes, except under very limited circumstances spelled out in the orders.

Today's Senate action clarifies some of those very limited circumstances, such as for certain construction activities, family visitation in child protection cases, natural resource activities and government employment. In addition, today's Senate resolution identifies essential Tribal government services that are allowed to continue as long as they can be carried out with appropriate COVID-19 pandemic safety and health precautions in place. You can see the details in the Senate's Resolution 2020-04-076, which is posted on the Tribe's website.

I want to thank each and every one of you for doing your part to keep our community safe and healthy. We are seeing promising trends in the recent COVID-19 data. It appears now that all the difficult steps that we have taken to stay home and maintain our social distancing are having a good impact and positive results.

This is good news, but we cannot stop now. I know how hard it is for us to give up so many things that we care about, but it is essential that we continue to stay home, follow COVID-19 safe practices and continue our social distancing when it is absolutely unavoidable that we go out for certain essential activities.

Thank you again for your cooperation. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay home, and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Edwards
Chairman