

AFN Executive Motions related to COVID-19

DATE	MOTION	WORDING	MOVER & SECONDER
March 23, 2020	#2 – State of Emergency (updated from March 21 motion)	<p>The Assembly of First Nations declares a national State of Emergency in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further, that the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments must respect this State of Emergency; • Further, that the Assembly of First Nations supports those who have already declared States of Emergencies and travel bans into and out of their First Nations; • Further, that the funding allocated for medical, health, and the economic stimulus are not going to be enough. Canada must allocate more resources to support and meet First Nations’ needs, during this public health crisis; • Further, that funds will be distributed on a needs and equity basis and not on a formula nor a proposal submission basis and not on a reimbursement basis, unless First Nations have already spent other resources to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic. • Further, that specific consideration for all prevention and critical care be afforded to northern, remote, and isolated communities; • Further, that on reserve and off reserve members seek financial assistance in many times of need to their respective First Nation and financial provision must be made for those Nations that provide to their members who are not able to live on reserve; • Further, support all measures put forth by public health authorities to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the most vulnerable populations throughout the provinces and territories; • Further, that First Nations leadership be fully and meaningfully involved at the decision-making tables in the development of all plans, legislation, policies, budget allocations and regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic federally and provincially; 	<p>Moved by: Regional Chief Kevin Hart, MB Seconded by: Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald, ON Motion Carried.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further, that resources be made available for immediate mental health support and for those who suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);• Lastly, the Government of Canada, Provincial and Territorial Governments must begin to track infections in First Nations so that we know the daily status of COVID-19 and its impact on our communities.	
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