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**EMERGENCY DECLARATION
SEVERE WINTER STORM AND BLIZZARD CONDITIONS
THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY**

DECEMBER 24, 2022

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation have been impacted by several dangerous winter storms that continue to bring snow, high winds, severe wind chills, icy and impassable roads, and blizzard conditions;

WHEREAS, the first storm brought between 10 to 20 inches of snow to the Reservation along with winds blowing 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph resulting in blizzard conditions, power outages, drifting snow, impassable roads and driveways, bitterly cold temperatures and severe wind chill;

WHEREAS, the second storm brought bitter cold temperatures for a week, reaching 24 degrees below zero and 55 degrees below zero with wind chill, and these freezing temperatures are expected to continue for days and possibly weeks;

WHEREAS, many tribal members and residents on the Reservation, including those living in rural or remote areas, are not able to travel on roads, obtain food, water, and fuel, get routine and emergency medical care, and obtain heating supplies including propane and wood;

WHEREAS, the storm and blizzard conditions are an immediate threat to tribal government operations, public safety, and the health and lives of tribal members and residents on the Reservation;

WHEREAS, Section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act) authorizes the chief executive of a tribal government to directly request an emergency declaration from the President of the United States.

WHEREAS, Section 501 Stafford Act authorizes the President to direct any Federal agency, with or without reimbursement, to utilize its authorities and the resources granted to it under Federal

law - including personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, and managerial, technical and advisory services - in support of emergency assistance efforts to save lives, protect property and public health and safety, and lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe, coordinate emergency response efforts, provide technical and advisory assistance, as well as other authorities to address the emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, Section 401 of the Stafford Act authorizes the President to waive any cost-share requirements for Indian tribal governments and such waiver is appropriate in this case under the Treaty of Fort Laramie signed on April 29, 1868 and the Federal government's ongoing trust responsibility to provide supplies and aid, and to protect the persons, property and lives of tribal members.

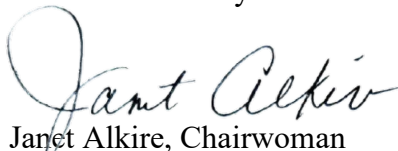
NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Alkire, Chairwoman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, hereby declare a state of emergency on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation due to the current and ongoing severe winter storm and blizzard conditions that are expected to continue for a week or more, and request pursuant to Section 401 and 501 of the Stafford Act:

- 1) That the President, working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, issue an Emergency Declaration for the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and direct all Federal agencies to work with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to address and mitigate the impacts of the severe winter storm and blizzard conditions by providing emergency public assistance, clearing snow and debris from roads, delivering food, water and fuel, delivering heating supplies including propane and wood, helping to ensure transport for routine and emergency medical services, and any other actions needed to protect the lives and property in the Reservation; and
- 2) That the President waive any cost-share provisions for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe based on the treaty and trust responsibilities of the Federal government to the Tribe.

FURTHER, in addition to any assistance provided under a Presidential Emergency Declaration, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other federal and state agencies use all available resources to assist the Tribe in addressing impacts to life and property from the storm and blizzard conditions.

FURTHER, that the American Red Cross is requested to provide any and all assistance to tribal members and residents on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in need of medical care, food, water, fuel, heating supplies, and other necessities.

Dated this 24th day of December 2022.



Janet Alkire, Chairwoman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe