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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SD DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING

On this date, July 29, 2018 at 3:00 pm (MST) I am declaring a state of emergency to exist for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation based on a series of severe thunderstorms that began impacting the reservation on July 27, 2018. These storms produced tornadoes, damaging winds, hail, which resulted in severe flooding, downed trees, large scale power outages, loss of homes as well as tribal and community infrastructures.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require State of and Federal action to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or likely to be, endangered, along with communities affected and those outlying community's homes of any victims in the vicinity or direct path of the storm as a result of this severe weather.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a State of Emergency. Accordingly, I direct Federal, State and local government agencies to render appropriate assistance. To alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to prevent conditions as much as possible.

Effective Date of this State of Emergency:

This State of Emergency shall be effective July 29, 2018 and shall remain in full force and in effect until further notice.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, this 29th day of July 2018.

Troy S. Weston

President