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RE: Emergency Order

On March 17, 2020, in coordination with the Tribal Council, I declared a State of Emergency because of the novel virus, SARS-CoV-2. Since that date, the devastating impact of COVID-19 has been mitigated, with COVID-19-related deaths declining by 95% and hospitalizations down by 91% from January of 2021. Accordingly, pursuant to this Executive Order, the State of Emergency issued on March 17, 2020 expired at the end of the day on May 31st, 2023.

Although COVID-19 no longer poses the emergency that it did when I declared the State of Emergency, COVID-19 remains an ongoing public health challenge. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa will continue to make prevention strategies a priority, and the LTBB Health Clinic will continue to treat eligible Citizens, descendants, and members of federally recognized tribes.

I want to acknowledge and say chi-miigwech to our health care workers and support staff, law enforcement and first responders, and employees and community members for the dedication they showed to protecting our community.

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Chairperson