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Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS the Chief and Council of Nuxalk Nation are empowered to act on behalf of the First Nation and are recognized as having the authority by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Indian Act;

AND WHEREAS Statalmc (Nuxalk Nation Hereditary Leadership) issued a letter dated March 20, 2020 to Chief and Council recommending that all non-essential travel to or from Nuxalk Nation Traditional Territory be restricted and that travelers to the territory self-isolate for 14 days;

AND WHEREAS the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic poses an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the Nuxalk Nation;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a state of local emergency exists in Bella Coola 1 located within the Central Coast Regional District at the mouth of the Bella Coola river east end of North Bentinck Arm of Burke Channel due to imminent threat of COVID-19 and the enhanced protection measures required for the community due to geographical remoteness, limited availability of medical services and supplies, housing conditions, and demographics;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Nuxalk Nation, its employees, servants and agents will pursue closure of all non-essential access to the Nuxalk Nation Traditional Territory, including access to the Bella Coola Valley via Highway 20, in collaboration with all partners to ensure the safety of all within our Territories. Nuxalk Nation calls on all responsible organizations and requests that the Central Coast Regional District declares a state of local emergency and act on emergency powers to control or prohibit all non-essential travel to and from the Bella Coola Valley;



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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Nuxalk Nation, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

ORDERED by Chief Wally Webber, on behalf of Nuxalk Nation Council, this date, March 21, 2020, to remain in force for fourteen days until April 4, 2020 at midnight unless cancelled by Nuxalk Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wally Webber".

Chief Wally Webber
Nuxalk Nation