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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Karuk Tribe Initiates Office Restrictions in Response to COVID-19

# March 17, 2020

Ayukii (Hello),

The Karuk Tribe would like to inform our Membership, the Community and the Clients we serve of immediate alterations in our administration of programs in response to COVID-19.

The Karuk Tribal Council has identified essential and non-essential employees, keeping in mind that we must still operate and serve the public, but we must also be mindful of the restrictions/recommendations our Country is facing.

Today, the Karuk Tribe will alter several employees work schedules minimizing exposure to high risk persons. Meaning we will begin to operate all our facilities with minimal staffing. We are doing everything we can to approve remote work sites along with keeping our facilities open.

While there are specific programs with different restrictions we're working with each Director to provide guidance on the Karuk Tribal Council's approved essential and non-essential employees. They will be evaluated in conjunction with the Department Director to 1) ensure every effort is maintained to continue to operate the Karuk Tribe and 2) ensure every effort is maintained to protect the safety and well-being of the Tribes workforce, the public, and the communities we serve.

We're not allowing access by the general public to any NON HEALTH facility. Meaning you must first call the main office in which you're trying to access to receive guidance on paperwork or access to services.

We have approved several closures such as Rain Rock Casino and our Head Start Program and restricted dine-in meals within the Senior Nutrition Program.

Please contact our offices for additional information specific to each location, and remember to be mindful of continued CDC recommendations of social contact, hand washing, and minimizing social gatherings.

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