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## Huu-ay-aht declares State of Emergency

Dear Citizens,

Huu-ay-aht First Nations has declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a special Executive Council meeting last week, members of the Executive Council agreed that COVID-19 and coronavirus present an immediate and significant threat to Huu-ay-aht citizens and staff and to the broader community. Following the lead of various levels of government that have taken extraordinary measures to protect Canadians, the Nation has decided to take more extreme measures.

Council is taking this step to stress the serious nature of this rapidly developing crisis in our country and around the world. We all have concerns that people are not taking proper measures to social distance themselves from others. If citizens do not take the COVID-19 threat seriously then different levels of government will be forced to step in. It is proven that the best way to minimize the spread of this virus is through social distancing from people who are not in your household. We must do this in order to protect ourselves, our neighbours, and our loved ones.

Declaring a state of emergency will also make it more efficient to access funding, should that be necessary in the coming weeks. It will give the administration team, through the executive director, the ability to act quickly to meet the needs of the Nation's citizens.

These measures will ensure Huu-ay-aht is ready to deal with this global crisis in a timely fashion that will keep citizens safe, healthy, and protected during this difficult time.

***In addition, Huu-ay-aht First Nations is implementing emergency funding measures for our citizens including assistance with:***

- ***Rent support***
- ***Food support and good food boxes in Anacla***
- ***Limited access to Anacla***
- ***Medical and personal protective gear***
- ***Food delivery to Elders***
- ***Continued Living Allowance to students***
- ***Communications Outreach to citizens***
- ***And all our other programs and services that are regularly available***

These are challenging times, and Huu-ay-aht is fortunate to have a team ready act in the best interests of our community and its citizens. We will also be taking guidance from the Bamfield/Anacla Emergency Operations Centre at this time through regular contact with its coordinator, Amelia Vos. She will offer regular updates so that we are always on top of what is happening both locally, provincially, and nationally.



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Please remember to do everything in your power to help minimize the spread of COVID-19. We have never seen a virus like this in our time, and we all need to take it seriously. This means continuing to practice social distancing, washing your hands a lot, and following other recommendations being made by our health officials. Together we can slow the spread and shorten the time we all must spend isolated from the people that we love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Dennis Sr.', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert J. Dennis Sr.  
Chief Councillor – Huu-ay-aht First Nations