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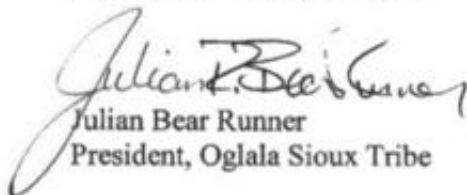
Statement from the President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe

First and foremost, thank you to everyone for the overwhelming show of support through this tough time. I would like to take a moment to address key points that should answer questions all of you may have.

As a tribal member I am afforded due process through the courts that every one of us is entitled to. At this time I am not able to comment on anything alleged against me. However, as President of our Oglala Sioux Tribe I do want to inform our Oyate of the following information:

1. I was arrested on May 2, 2020 by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety. As of today I have not been arraigned and so I am not able to speak to any charges made against me.
2. Our tribal government is still fully functioning and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. All governmental functions will continue as usual including the COVID-19 response efforts that the tribe is currently conducting.
3. I want to assure the Oyate that I remain committed to the work that I have taken on to keep the Oglala Oyate safe and prosperous. I will continue to move forward with the health and wellbeing of my Oyate and your best interest in my heart.

More importantly, I want to encourage everyone to continue to remain unified with our efforts in strengthening our communities, defending our sovereignty and standing shoulder to shoulder in the face of adversity. *Wopila*


Julian Bear Runner
President, Oglala Sioux Tribe