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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS
RESERVATION
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P.O. Box 536
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TULALIP TRIBES
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HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS
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AKIAK NATIVE COMMUNITY
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ASA'CARSA MIUT TRIBE
P.O. Box 32249
Mountain Village, AK 99632

ALEUT COMMUNITY OF ST. PAUL ISLAND
2050 Venia Minor Road
P.O. Box 86
St. Paul Island, AK 99660

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: _1:20-cv-01002_____

DECLARATION OF MIKE WILLIAMS, SR.

1 v.

2 STEVEN MNUCHIN, SECRETARY, UNITED
3 STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
4 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

5 Defendant.

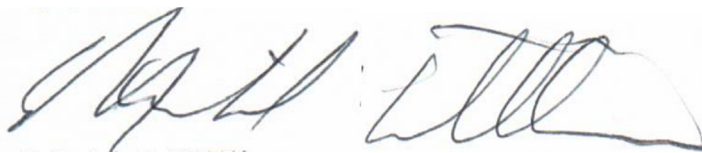
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7 I, Mike Williams, Sr., declare the following on the basis of personal knowledge to which I am
8 competent to testify:

- 9 1. I am the Chief of the Akiak Native Community. Akiak has 535 enrolled tribal members
10 and 29.16 acres of fee lands located in Akiak, Alaska.
- 11 2. On March 26th, 2020 the Akiak IRA Council declared a Public Health Emergency on
12 behalf of the Akiak Native Community Tribal Members, which included the closure of
13 our gaming operations, cancelation of recreational activities, and closure of our
14 community from non-essential travel.
- 15 3. Akiak is located along the Kuskokwim river and is only accessible by air and water. The
16 community of Akiak has one local health clinic with a trained health aide but due to her
17 own medical issues, we have gone for days without health care services. The closest
18 hospital with physicians and doctors with respiratory relief and testing supplies is in
19 Bethel, Alaska, which is approximately 30 air miles and 60 land miles away. It is only
20 accessible by air at this time.
- 21 4. In response to COVID-19, the Akiak Native Community has provided water and sewer
22 services to those who have disconnected services due to non-payment. We will only be
23 able to provide the service to the community for another month. We have distributed
24 cleaning supplies and have started a food bank to provide for families in need. Without
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1 income from any source we will be unable to provide any more services, at this time. We
2 have identified a couple of places to use in case we need to quarantine families, but they
3 need to be prepared for use, and additional funds would accomplish this. At this time, our
4 clinic does not have testing capability.

- 5 5. The only funding we get to help our community is from our small gaming enterprise, and
6 with its closure, it has created a financial hardship for our tribal government.
- 7 6. Akiak Native Community has submitted the certification form through the Department of
8 Treasury web portal necessary to participate in the disbursement of CARES Act Title V
9 funding, so that it is eligible to receive a portion of the \$8 billion set aside for Tribal
10 governments.
- 11 7. Without receiving the financial relief under the CARES Act Title V funding to tribal
12 governments, Akiak Native Community is at risk of not being able to provide essential
13 government services to its members and community as a result of COVID-19.

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15 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 17,
16 2020.

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20 Mike Williams, Sr.